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## the TRUE STORY OF "KID" DROPPER

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CRIME COMICS  
BY  
DICK WOOD.

THAT'S IT, MY LITTLE PUPILS,  
GO TO IT...WINNER TAKE ALL!  
HO-HO, FOLKS-MY KID DROPPER WAS  
AS SMOOTH A GANGSTER AS EVER  
SQUEEZED A TRIGGER, BUT AT HEART,  
HE WAS JUST LIKE THE REST...JUST A  
BIG KID PLAYING WITH FIRE...WHO FOUND  
OUT TOO LATE THAT EVEN A BIG SHOT  
GETS BURNED...OF COURSE, WHEN DROPPER'S  
GANG TANGLED WITH LEFTY KITCHEN, I DIDN'T  
STEP IN AND SPOIL THE FUN BY TELLING  
HIM THAT, NO, INDEED...I JUST PLAYED  
REFEREE IN A GAME OF MURDER  
WHERE NO TEAM WINS...IT WAS IN  
CHICAGO BACK IN 1920 WHEN...



EDITOR'S NOTE:  
THE NAMES OF CERTAIN  
MINOR CHARACTERS HEREIN  
DEPICTED ARE FICTITIOUS  
FOR OBVIOUS REASONS...

THE SOUTH SIDE...WHAT  
A TERRITORY! THERE'S  
ENOUGH CASH LYING  
AROUND HERE TO MAKE  
ME A KING! THERE ARE  
WAYS TO GET IT, TOO..  
PLENTY OF WAYS!

HEAR THAT, FRIENDS...A GANG LEADER IS  
BEING BORN...HA, HA, THEY'RE ALL THE  
SAME...SUCKERS FOR THE GLITTER OF GOLD.



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THEY LISTENED, ALL RIGHT... THAT IS, ALL EXCEPT ONE-WHO HAD OTHER IDEAS...

DROPPER, YOU'RE A VERY SMART GUY! I DON'T DOUBT THAT, BUT YOU GOT TOO BIG IDEAS FOR YER CLASS! I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE OVER THE SOUTH SIDE AN' I SHOULD RUN THINGS, CHUM!

WELL, WELL! THAT IS MOST INTERESTING!



N..NOW W..WAIT A MOMENT, D..DROPPER!



W..WOW!





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YES, KID DROPPER AND HIS MOB MOVED IN ON THE SOUTH SIDE LIKE A BUNCH OF MONEY-MAD GIANTS! BULLETS WERE THEIR CALLING CARDS AND WOE BETIDE ANY MAN, WOMAN, OR BUSINESS THAT FAILED TO RECEIVE THEM PROPERLY!

DROPPER'S COLD, DEADLY EYES HAD A WAY OF GETTING RESULTS FAST!



YOU SEE, MR. KLUTZ, YOUR GARMENT BUSINESS REALLY NEEDS OUR HELP, OTHERWISE, ALL YOUR PRETTY MATERIALS MIGHT GET SORTA DAMAGED, DON'T YOU THINK?

Y..YES! I GUESS YOU ARE RIGHT!

DROPPER AIN'T NEVER BEEN WRONG, BUD!



OF COURSE, SOME TIMES THERE WAS TROUBLE! JUST A LITTLE... HA, HA, HA!

LET HIM GO, BOYS! THAT'S NO WAY TO TREAT A MAN WHO IS GOING TO GIVE US FIVE PERCENT OF HIS BUSINESS EVERY WEEK! HE'S OUR FRIEND!

D..DON'T BEAT ME ANY MORE-PLEASE! I'LL...I'LL...



"HO, DROPPER, YOU'RE A SMART LAD, BUT HERE'S ONE BOY WHO ACTUALLY ISN'T YOUR FRIEND-LEFTY LOUIE!"



I GOT ALL THE DOPE ON DROPPER, LEFTY! HE AIN'T GONNA STEP IN AND RUIN OUR RACKET, IS HE?

SHUT UP, AND GIVE ME THOSE PAPERS!

HMM...SO DROPPER'S REAL NAME IS JACK KAPLAN-PRETTY SMART GUY, ALRIGHT, BUT NOT SMART ENOUGH TO GET AWAY WITH SWIPING SOMEBODY'S TERRITORY-PARTICULARLY MINE!

THAT'S IT, LEFTY, GET MAD-GET GOOD AND MAD-WE'LL HAVE A GREAT, BIG GANG WAR WITH LOTS OF MURDERS AND EXITEMENT!



A FEW DAYS LATER...

I'M AFRAID THAT WET WASH BUSINESS IS GETTING DIFFICULT. THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT SEVERING RELATIONS WITH US! PERHAPS WE BETTER GO DOWN AND PAY THEM A VISIT!

I TOLD YA WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN TOUGHER WITH 'EM!

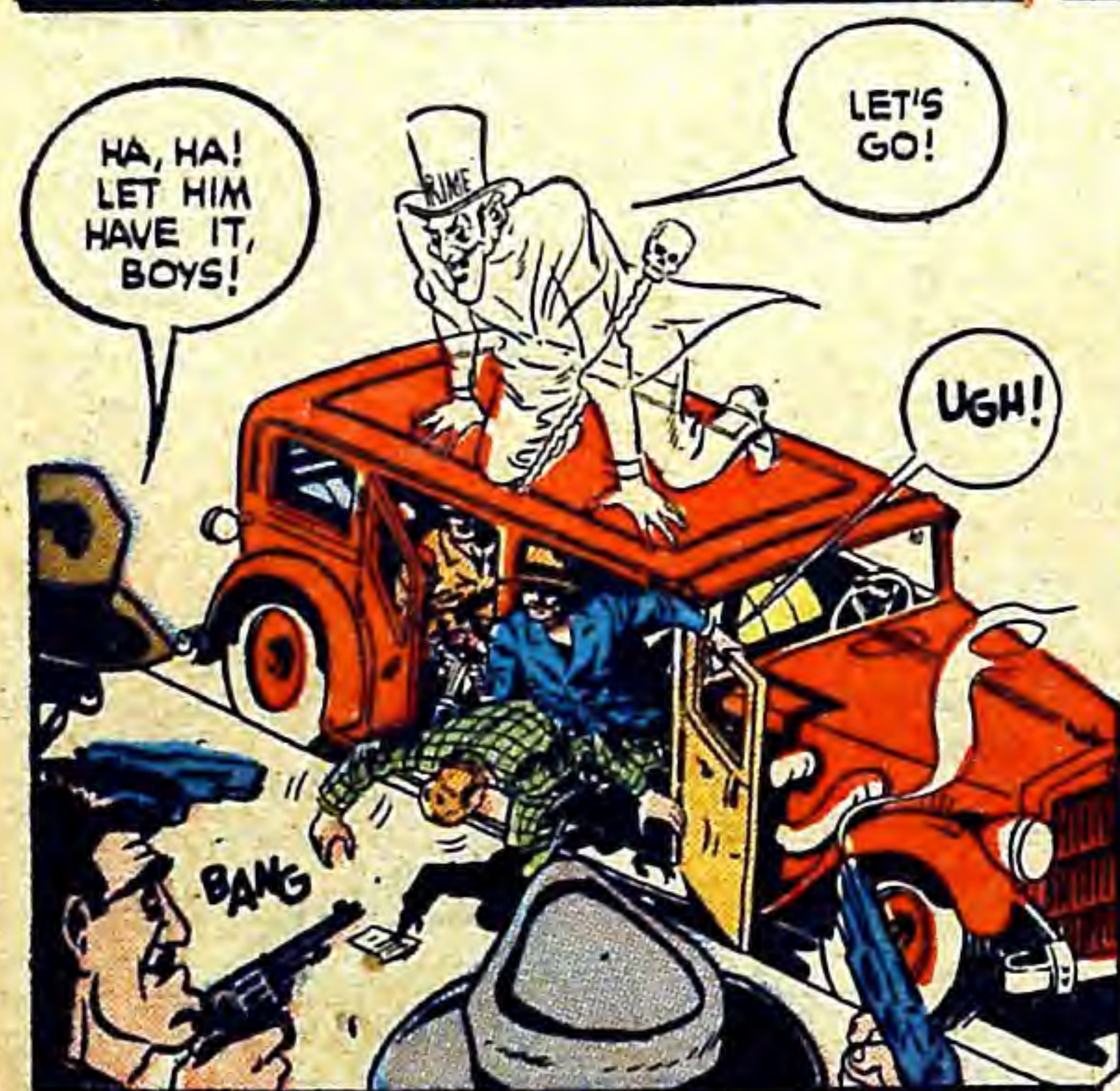




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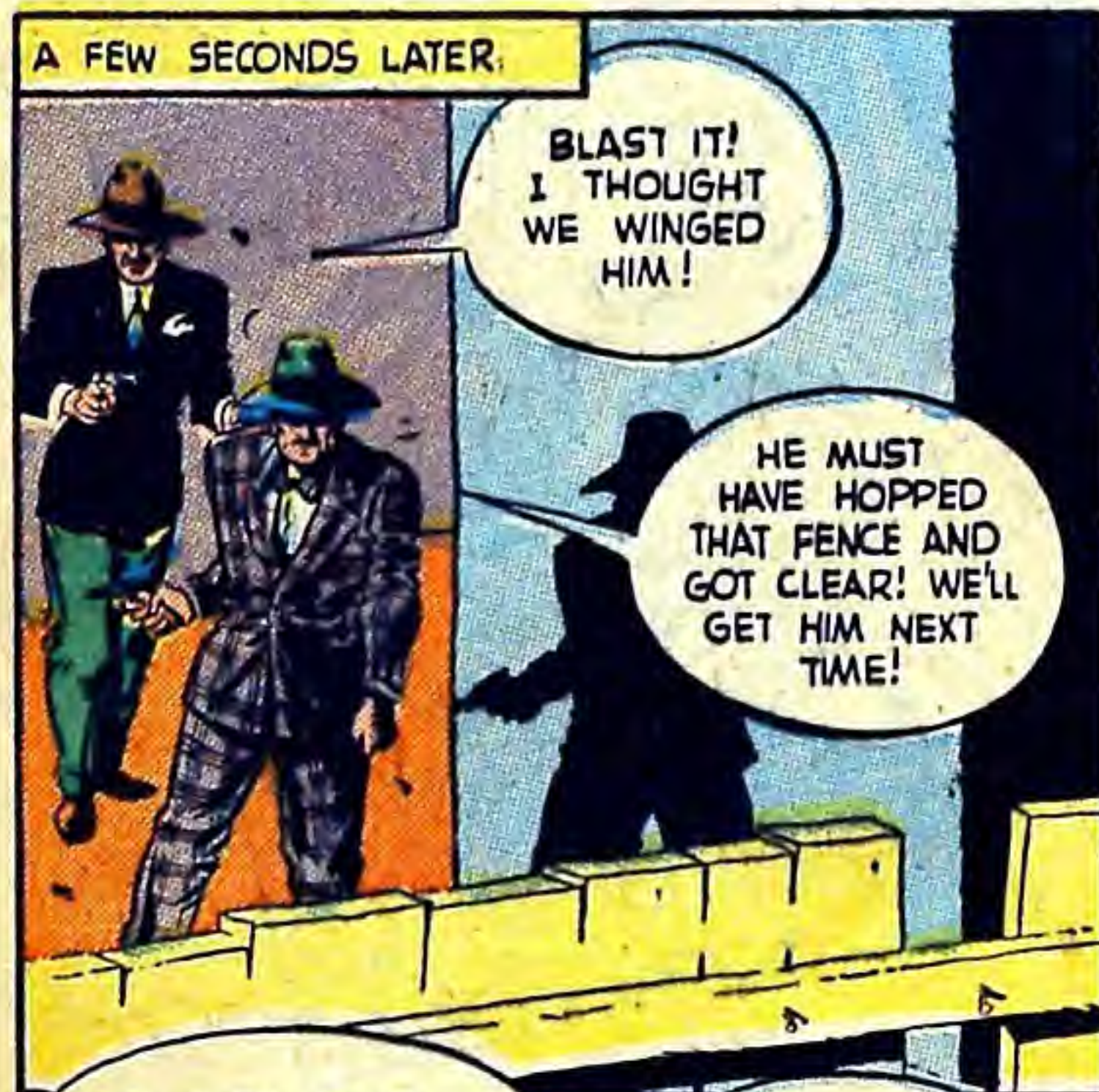
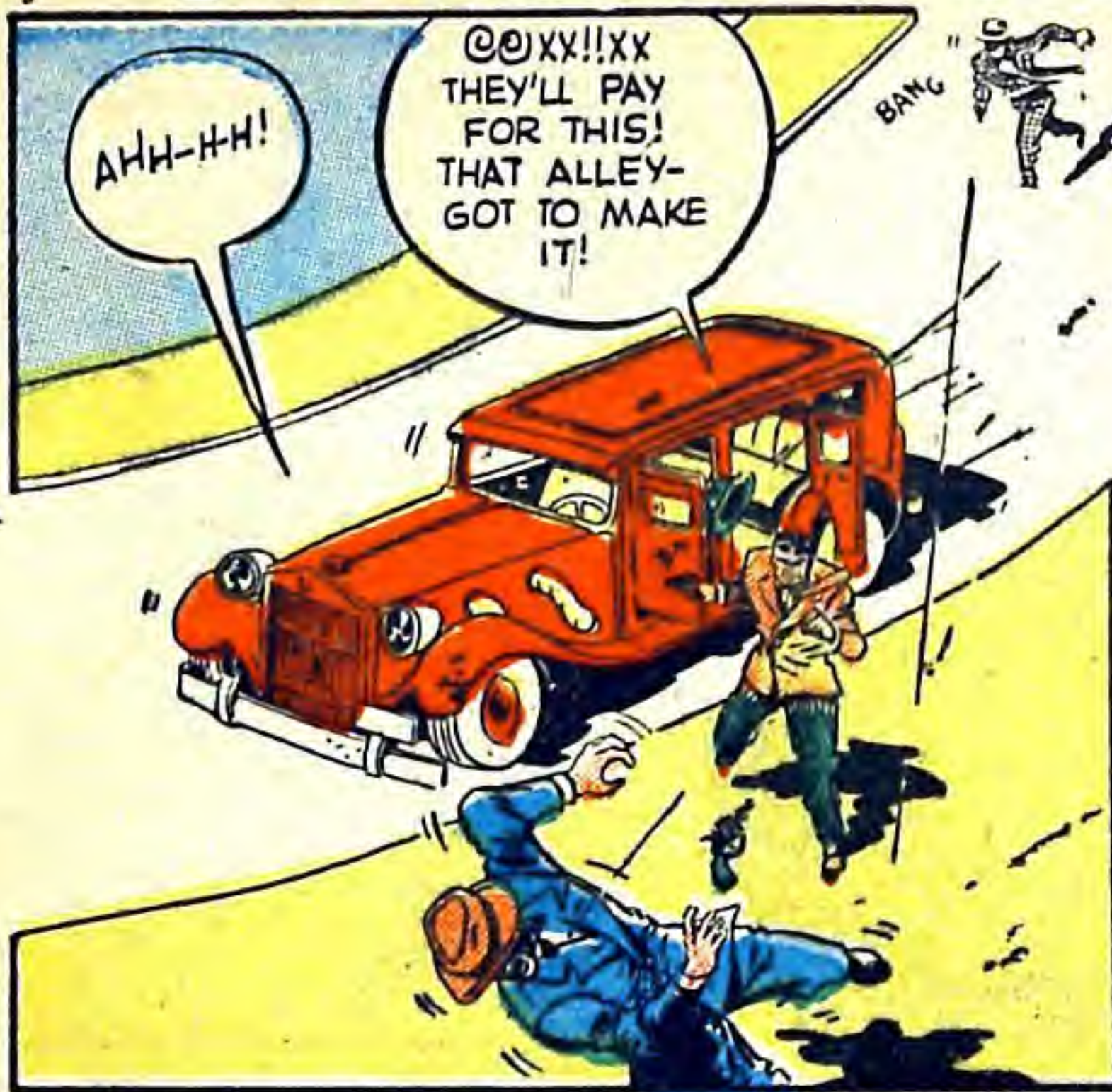


"I'LL NEVER FORGET HOW ANXIOUSLY I WAITED FOR DROPPER THAT DAY! IT WAS ONE OF MY FIRST GUN FIGHTS WITH MODERN WEAPONS!"





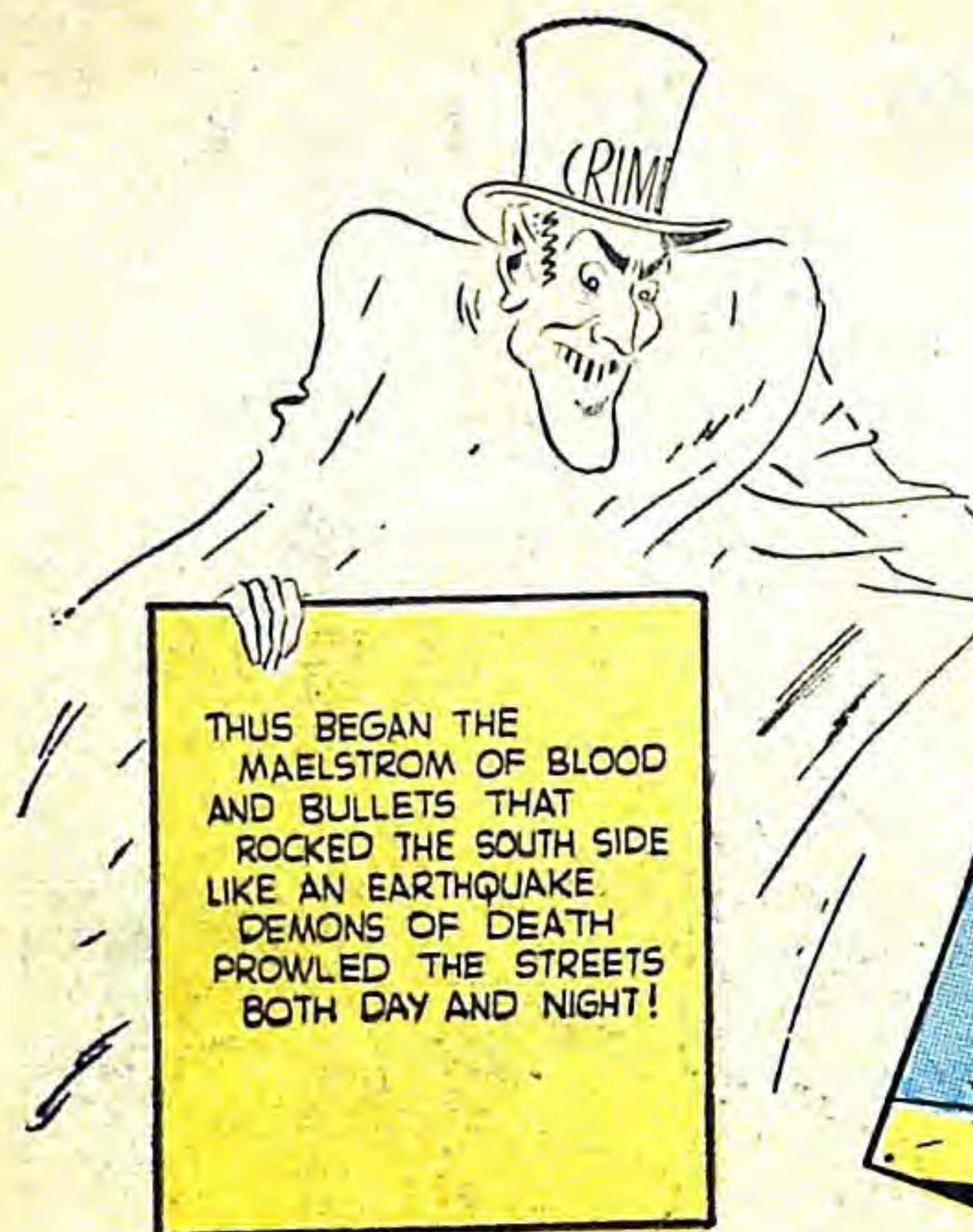
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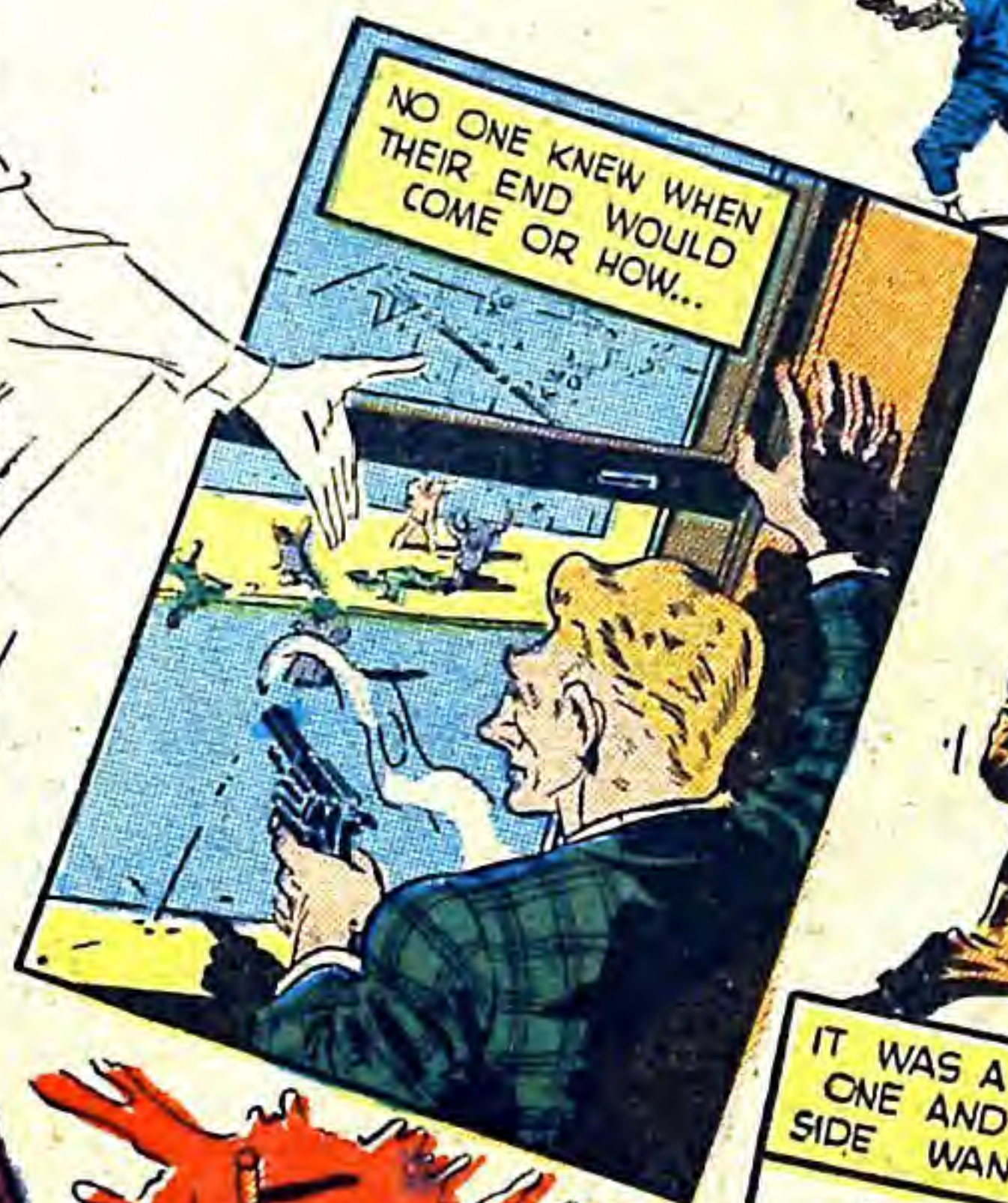
"THAT NIGHT DROPPER DID HAVE A MEETING - A MEETING THAT WAS TO CHANGE THE EVERY DAY LIFE OF HUNDREDS."







THUS BEGAN THE  
MAELSTROM OF BLOOD  
AND BULLETS THAT  
ROCKED THE SOUTH SIDE  
LIKE AN EARTHQUAKE.  
DEMONS OF DEATH  
PROWLED THE STREETS  
BOTH DAY AND NIGHT!



NO ONE KNEW WHEN  
THEIR END WOULD  
COME OR HOW...



NERVOUS TRIGGER  
FINGERS FIRED  
AT SHADOWS...



IT WAS A REIGN OF HORROR FOR  
ONE AND ALL...AND WHAT EACH-  
SIDE WANTED WAS LOST TO BOTH!



BLAST HIS SOUL! HE'S  
RUINING EVERYTHING!  
MY MEN ARE BEING  
KNOCKED OFF LIKE FLIES!  
IF ONLY WE COULD  
NAIL DROPPER! SOME-  
THING'S GOT TO BE  
DONE, BUT WHAT?



IT'S NOT WORKING OUT!  
KITCHEN'S STRONGER THAN  
I THOUGHT. IF I COULD PUT  
A BULLET THROUGH HIS  
THICK HEAD, THINGS WOULD  
BE O.K., BUT I CAN'T! HE  
HIDES LIKE A LOUSE—  
SOMETHING'S GOT TO  
HAPPEN FAST!



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"SOMETHING DID HAPPEN SOON! POOR LEFTY WASN'T QUITE AS TOUGH AS DROPPER. HE HAD TO DO SOMETHING FAST AND HE DID."

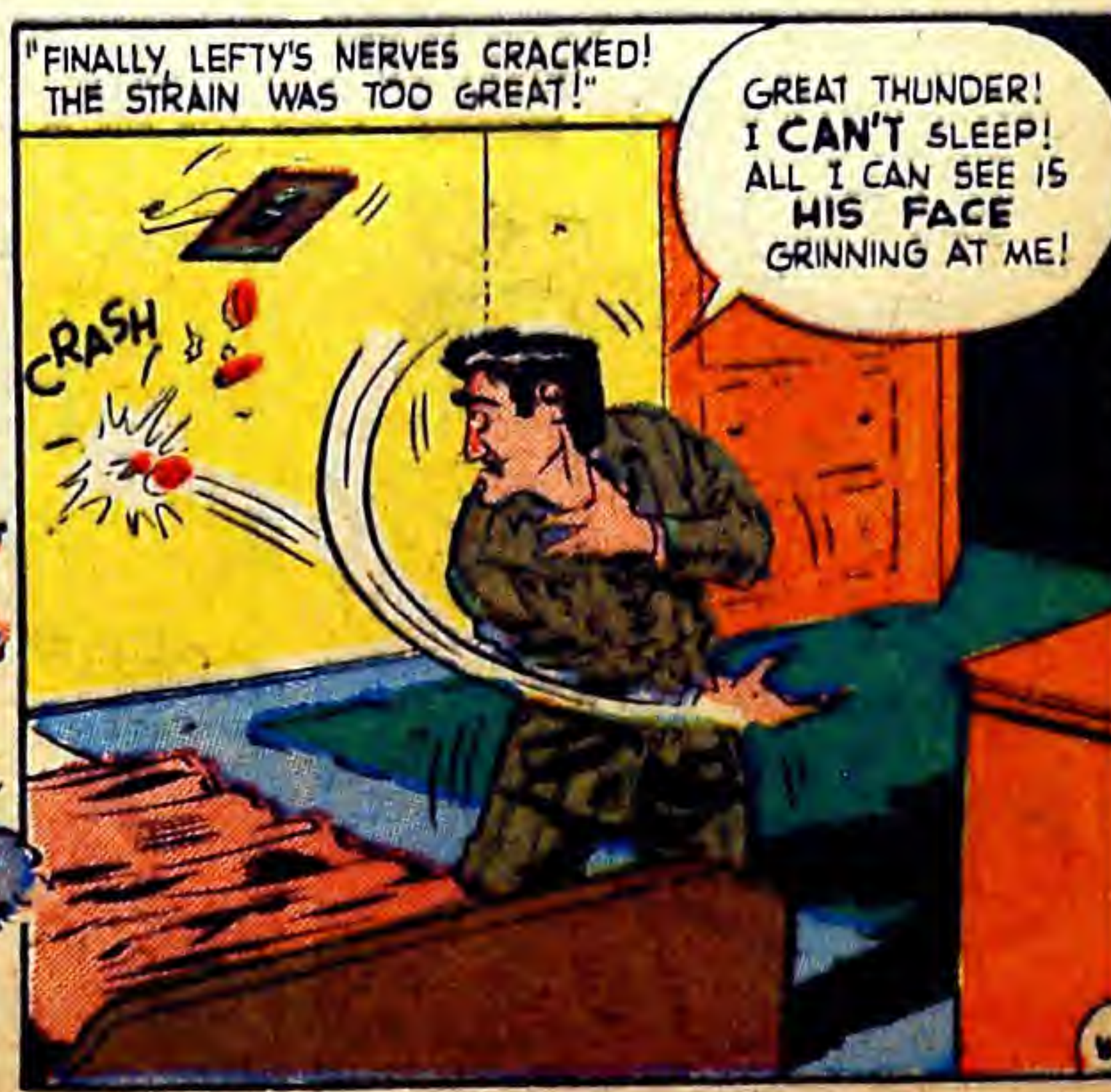
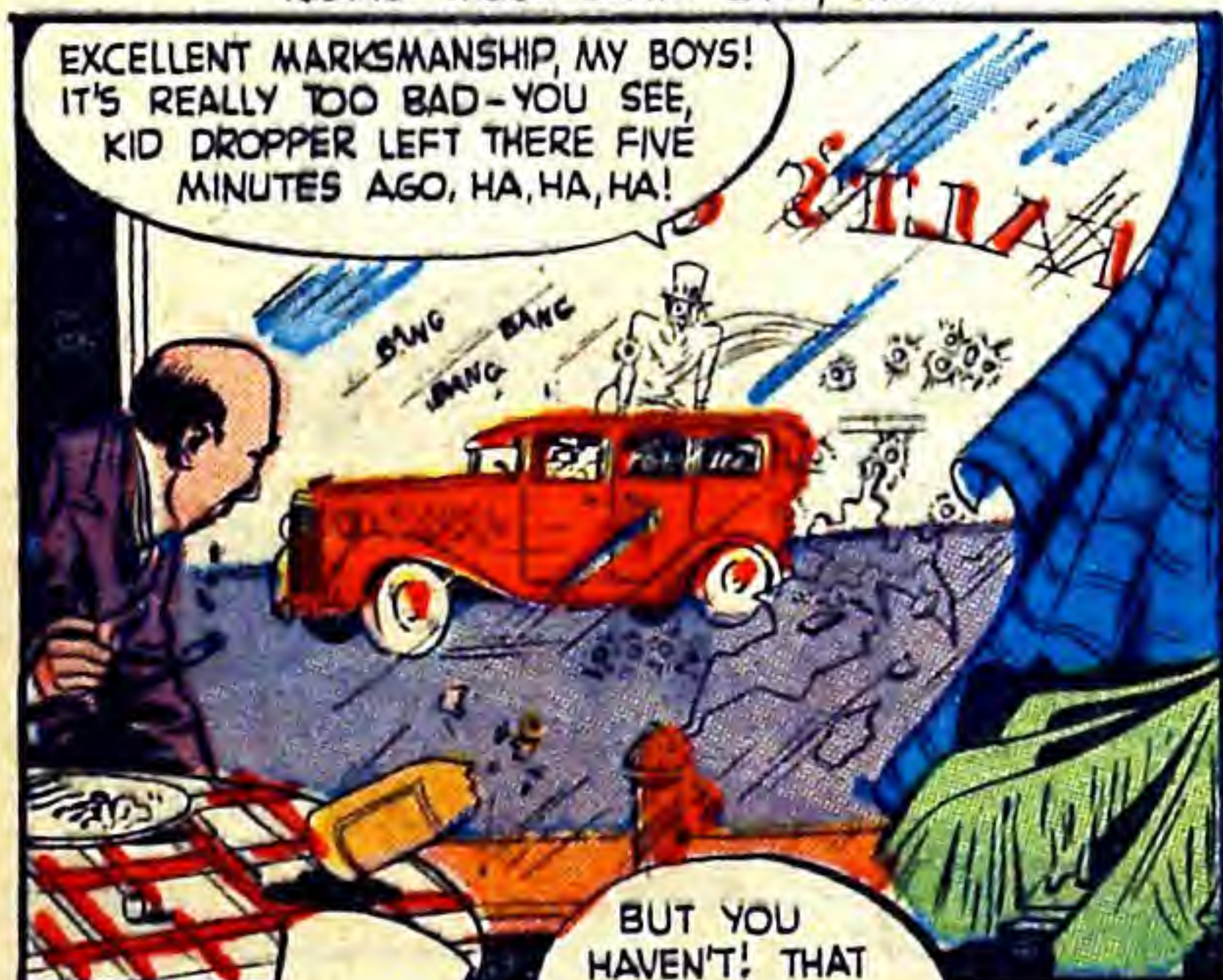




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"NEEDLESS TO SAY, BOTH GANGS TRIED TO OUTDO THEMSELVES IN RIDDING THE OTHER OF ITS CHIEF! I HAD A MERRY TIME RIDING THOSE DEATH CARS, THEN..."





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"AND OF COURSE, WHEN LEFTY LOOKED IN THE MIRROR, HE SAW SOMETHING ELSE THAT WAS NOT EXACTLY SOOTHING!"



THAT SCAR! IT WILL BE WITH ME FOREVER...IT'S DRIVING ME NUTS! IF I COULD ONLY GET MY HANDS ON HIM FOR FIVE MINUTES!

GREAT GOSH! MAYBE I CAN! HELLO, PETE...CONTACT THAT BUM, DROPPER! NOW LISTEN CLOSE... TELL HIM...



THAT I HAVE SOMETHING OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO SPEAK ABOUT AND THAT I'LL TELEPHONE HIM AT THE BLUE CAT BAR TOMORROW!

AH, DROPPER! DON'T LET HIM DO THAT! REMEMBER HOW VINCENT COLL WAS BUMPED OFF IN A PHONE BOOTH!

WELL, WELL, HOW'S MY LITTLE PAL TODAY?

OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE AND HE'LL TELEPHONE AT THE BLUE CAT TOMORROW NOON!

MAYBE HE'S DECIDED TO PLAY BALL! TELL HIM OKAY, BUT I'LL TELEPHONE HIM THERE!



JUST FINE, AND I'VE GOT A LITTLE PROPOSITION TO MAKE-MEET ME AT THE CORNER OF VINE STREET AT TWELVE SHARP, AND I'LL SHOOT IT OUT, YOU RAT! DO YOU HEAR ME-TO-MORROW NOON-WINNER TAKE ALL!



IT'S A DATE, LEFTY, A GREAT BIG BEAUTIFUL DATE!



THE FOOL...THE ABSURD FOOL-TO THINK I WOULD KEEP SUCH A STUPID DATE, BUT STILL THERE MUST BE A WAY I CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION! HMM...



HO, FOLKS! DROPPER TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION ALRIGHT, BUT YOU'D NEVER GUESS HOW- JUST TURN THE PAGE AND MAYBE I'LL SHOW YOU!





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"REMEMBER DROPPER'S DATE-TWELVE NOON AT THE CORNER OF VINE! WELL JUST LOOK-THERE'S LEFTY, BUT HE'S ALL ALONE - MY! MY!"

"BUT WAIT...WHO ARE THESE TWO STRANGERS! DROPPER'S MOBSTERS PERHAPS-NO-THEY CERTAINLY DON'T LOOK LIKE MY PUPILS!"

WHO'S THAT? NEVER SEEN THEM BEFORE! I BETTER BE CAREFUL! MAY BE ONE OF DROPPER'S TRICKS!

"LEFTY..WATCH OUT! THERE'S GOING TO BE TROUBLE."





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K..KID! THE COPS HAVE BEEN HERE! THEY GOT SOMETHING ON YOU!

HA! HA! THE HECK WITH 'EM! JUST FORMALITY, THAT'S ALL- COULDN'T BOTHER ME NOW... NO SIREE...LEFTY'S IN PRISON-IN PRISON, DO YOU HEAR ME?

THE CASE AGAINST YOU HAS FALLEN THROUGH, JACK KAPLAN, BUT THERE'S ONE THING I HAVE AUTHORITY TO DO- YOU'RE GOING OUT OF TOWN AND STAY OUT! IF YOU DON'T, YOU'LL GO TO JAIL!

THANKS, JUDGE! I NEED A VACATION!

WE'VE GOT A HUNDRED MEN GUARDING YOU, DROPPER! IT'S THE LAW, SO WE'LL PROTECT YOU THOUGH YOU DON'T DESERVE IT!

THAT'S VERY NICE OF YOU...I REALLY APPRECIATE IT, BUT I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!

CHICAGO MUNICIPAL COURT

A FEW WEEKS LATER, CONFIDENTLY AT EASE, DROPPER CALMLY BREEZED THROUGH HIS COURT TRIAL!

"YES, DROPPER, YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF...BUT THIS TIME, THINGS ARE DIFFERENT! YOU CAN'T SEE THIS YOUNG CHAP, BUT A COUPLE OF YOUR OTHER ENEMIES ARE PAYING HIM VERY HIGHLY TO DO A JOB ON YOU, AND IT LOOKS AS IF HE'S GOING TO DO IT, TOO!"



YOU DOG, DROPPER! YOU'LL PAY FOR YOUR SINS NOW- THEY WON'T GIVE ME MORE THAN FIVE YEARS FOR KILLING A DOG LIKE YOU!

BANG BANG

I'LL HAVE A LOT OF FUN SPENDING THE DOUGH I GET FOR DOING THIS... WHEN I GET OUT OF PRISON!

I'M GLAD I DID IT! I'LL DO IT AGAIN! PUT ME IN PRISON, BUT I'VE MADE A THOUSAND PEOPLE HAPPY!

YEAH, KID, PERHAPS YOU HAVE- MAYBE THE TERM WON'T BE TOO LONG!

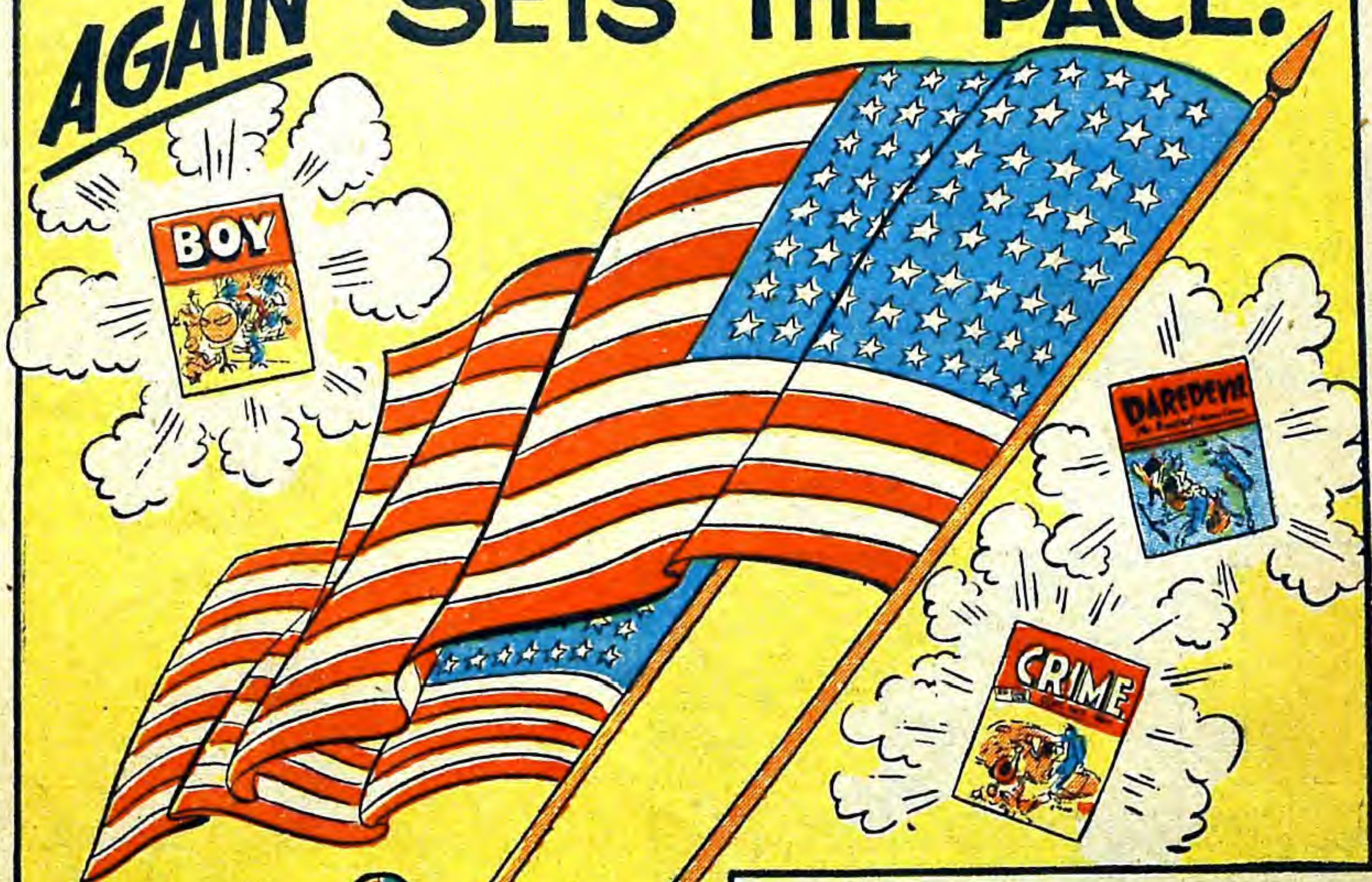
THERE YOU HAVE IT, MY FRIENDS - THE END OF ANOTHER CRIME KING-TOO LATE HE LEARNED THAT THIS BUSINESS NEVER PAYS!

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## AGAIN SETS THE PACE!



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**REMEMBER** WE DID IT FIRST!



CRIME

HO, FOLKS! I TOLD  
YOU SO! ONLY LAST  
ISSUE THIS FRISKY LITTLE  
LAD WAS FREE- A SUPER  
JAIL BREAKER, BUT I KNEW  
HE'D BE CAUGHT! PERHAPS  
YOU'D LIKE TO HEAR THE STORY  
OF HIS CAPTURE, STEP BY STEP  
AS I SAW IT- YOU WOULD?  
HA, HA, THEN LISTEN CLOSELY!

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RECALL, TOUGH TOUHY WAS  
CAPTURED AND BROKE JAIL  
AT THE END OF THE STORY.  
OUR ASTONISHING MR. CRIME  
WAS NOT FOOLED, HOWEVER.  
HE PROPHESED AN 'EARLY  
CAPTURE FOR THE GANG  
LEADER AND NOW WE ARE  
PROUD TO BRING YOU THE  
ARREST AS IT ACTUALLY  
HAPPENED!



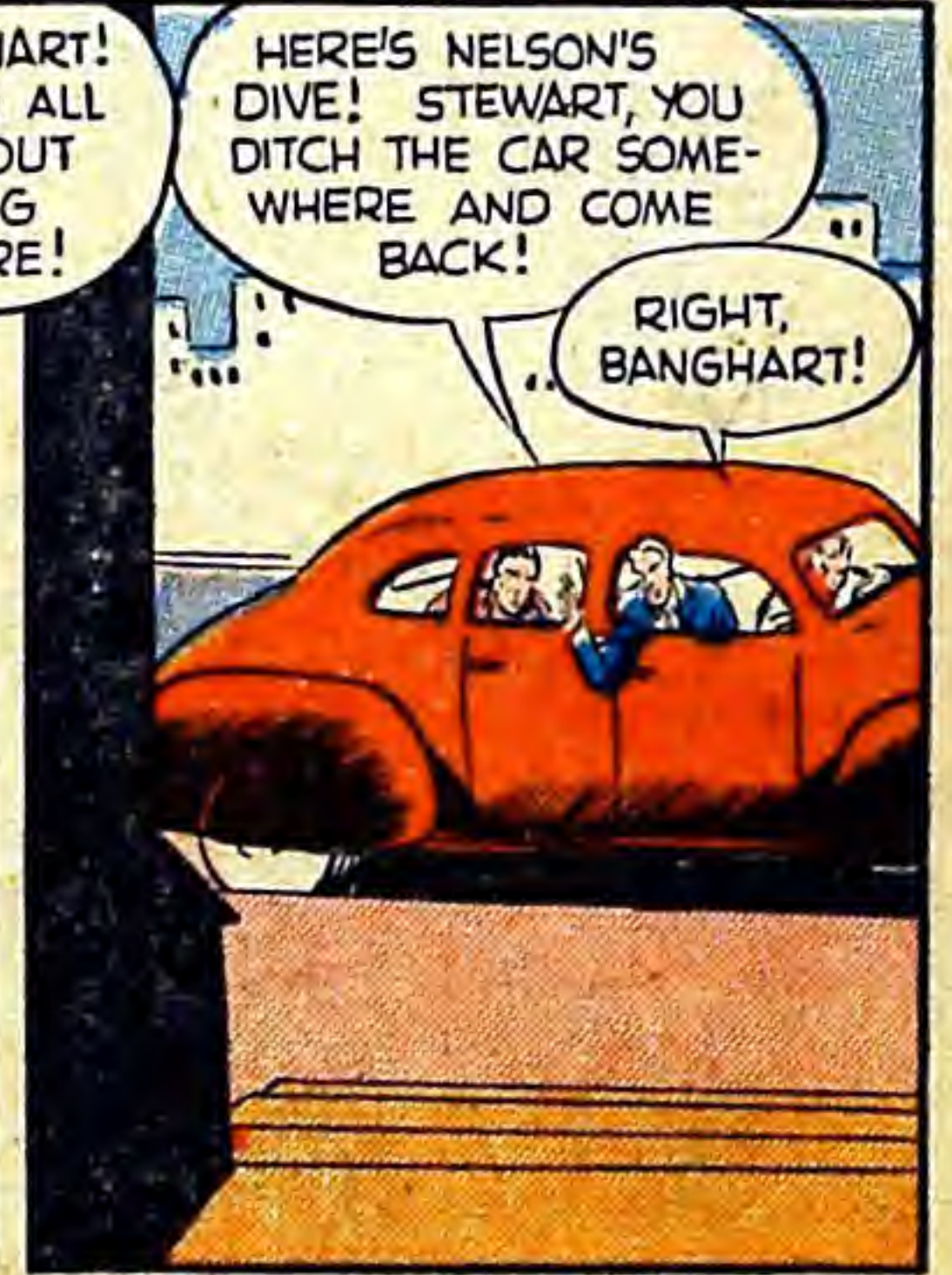


# CRIME DOES NOT PAY

ROGER TOUHY WAS CLEVER AS A FOX IN HIDING, BUT HIS PAL, BANGHART, ALSO WANTED TO BE BOSS!



HOURS LATER WHEN BANGHART FIGURED NELSON HAD MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO RECEIVE THEM IN CHICAGO...



MEANWHILE, THE F.B.I. HAD ONLY ONE GOOD EXCUSE TO GET IN ON THE CHASE!

OIL YOUR GUNS UP, MEN- TOUHY AND HIS PALS DIDN'T NOTIFY THEIR DRAFT BOARDS OF CHANGE OF ADDRESSES! THAT MAKES THEM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BAIT! WHAT A BREAK-OTHERWISE WE COULDN'T TOUCH THEM!





# CRIME DOES NOT PAY

FINALLY BANGHART BEGAN EXERTING PRESSURE ON MY COOL-HEADED ROGER-

THIS PLACE IS GETTING ME JUMPY! IT ISN'T SITUATED JUST RIGHT- WE BETTER FIND A NEW HIDEOUT!

I DISAGREE, BANGHART! IT ISN'T SMART TO MOVE AROUND!

FROM NOW ON, NELSON, YOU'RE **NOT** DRINKING! ONE DRUNKEN SPREE, AND THE BUNCH OF US WILL BE BACK IN SOLITARY, UNDERSTAND?

YEAH- YOU'RE RIGHT! I'LL LAY OFF TH' STUFF!

TOUHY AND I ARE GOING OUT! YOU, STEWART, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOT LETTING NELSON GET ANY MORE OF THIS STUFF!

OH, YOU DO! WELL, LISTEN, TOUHY, I'M MOVING WITH THE BOYS SO WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT?

YOU WIN, PIG-HEAD! I'LL GO!

NOW THIS BURG IS MORE LIKE IT! PLENTY OF ROOM TO HOLE UP IN!

REMEMBER, STEWART- DON'T LET NELSON **DRINK**, OR ELSE...

BANGHART'S RIGHT! DO AS HE SAYS OR YOU DEAL WITH ME, TOO!

NELSON, YOU'RE A **DISGRACE** TO MY CAREER- I HEREBY DISOWN YOU!

HEY, NELSON, WHAT YA GOT THERE?

HA-HA! I HAD A BOTTLE OF SCOTCH HID ALL TH' TIME! DON'T MIND THOSE GUYS- A COUPLA DRINKS WON'T HURT US!

DOWN BY DE OL' MILL STREAM



# CRIME DOES NOT PAY

"I WISH YOU COULD HAVE SEEN THE EXPRESSIONS ON TOUHY AND BANGHART WHEN THEY RETURNED."

THUNDERIN' HANNAH!  
BOTH OF THEM  
DEAD DRUNK!  
XX!!!??@@

GET YOUR  
ROD OUT, ROGER!  
THIS IS A SHOW-  
DOWN!

OF ALL THE STUPID  
HALF-BAKED JERKS  
YOU GUYS TAKE  
THE CAKE!

I COULD KILL  
YOU BOTH WITH  
PLEASURE--  
I SWEAR!



GET OUT! GET OUT AND  
STAY OUT! WE'RE TAKING NO  
MORE CHANCES WITH YOU  
NIT-WITS AROUND!



STEWART, YOU'RE  
A DUMBELL! THE  
COPS MAY HAVE  
YOUR BROTHER'S  
LINE TAPPED!

BOB, WHO  
WAS THAT  
ON THE PHONE?  
YOU SOUNDED  
EXCITED!

IT WAS MY  
BROTHER, DEAR,  
AND I'M CALLING  
THE POLICE--BET-  
TER TO SEE HIM  
IN JAIL THAN  
TO BE SHOT  
DOWN LIKE A  
MAD DOG!

YEAH, YEAH!  
SURE, IT'S ME!  
I'M STAYING AT  
THE WINDSON  
HOTEL--C'MON  
UP AND SAY,  
HELLO!

THE FIRST BREAK! STEWART'S  
SILLY PHONE CALL TO HIS BROTHER!



UP HIGH,  
STEWART--  
WE'RE F.B.I.  
MEN!

WELL, FER@X!!!X MY  
OWN BROTHER  
SQUEALING!



A..AWRIGHT--  
I..I'LL TELL YA!  
TOUHY AN' THE  
BOYS ARE AT..

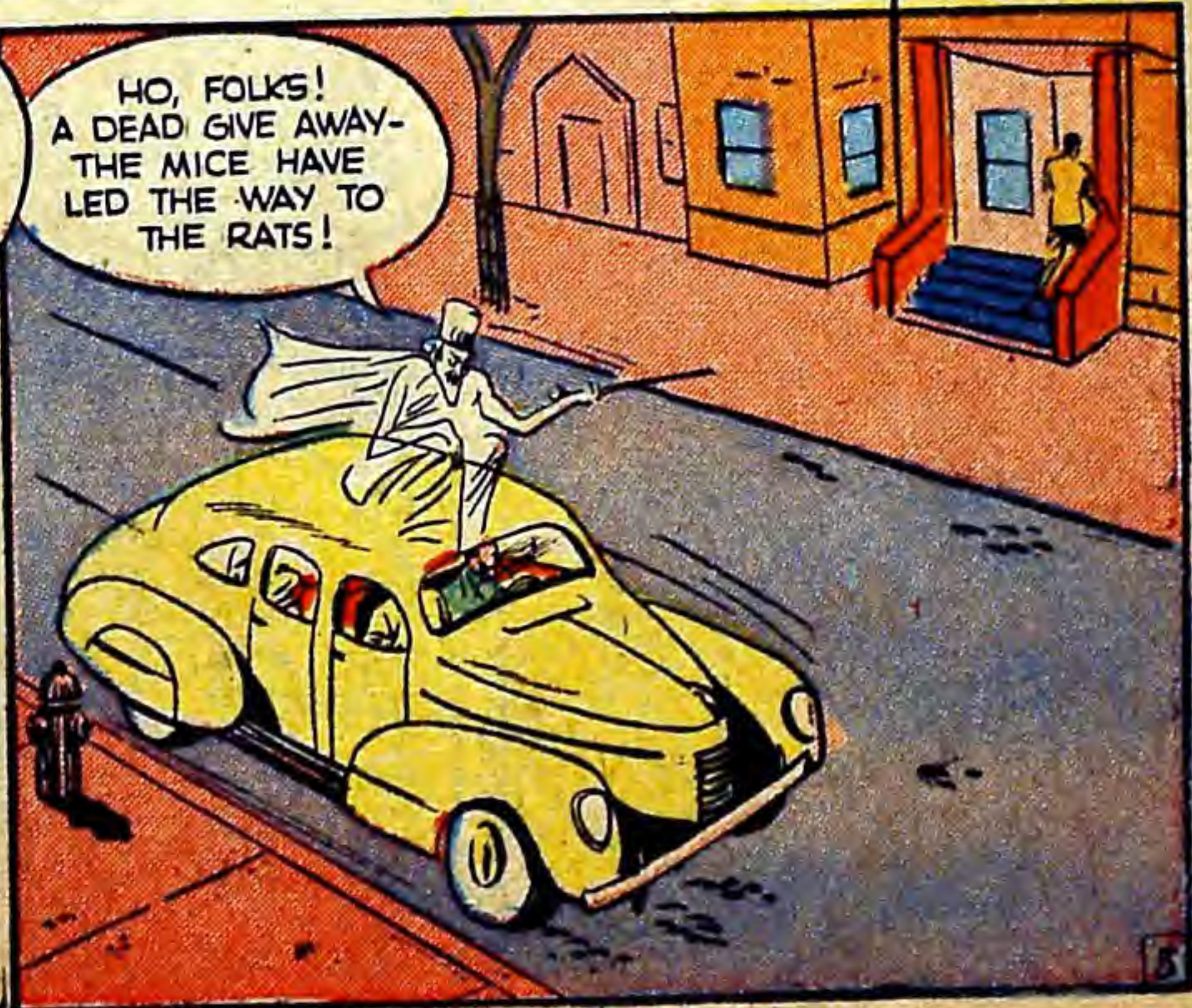
SURE,  
STEWART,  
SAVE YOUR  
OWN SKIN--  
ALL RATS  
DO!



# CRIME DOES NOT PAY



A DAY LATER...





# CRIME DOES NOT PAY



IT LOOKED BLACK INDEED FOR F.B.I. MEN WERE IN THEIR VERY APARTMENT...



"ONLY FOOLS WOULD HAVE RESISTED SUCH A TRAP!"





# CRIME DOES NOT PAY



WE'RE LOOSE!  
DOWN THE  
STAIRCASE,  
QUICK!

NO TIME  
TO ARGUE  
WITH THESE  
BOYS!

IT'S EITHER  
THEM OR  
US!

WE'RE  
SURROUNDED!  
OH-H-H!

LOOK AT THEM,  
DEAR FRIENDS—THIS  
PRICE FOR **CRIME** WOULD  
SHOCK AND FRIGHTEN OTHERS  
AWAY, YOU'D THINK, BUT IT  
DOESN'T! HEH-HEH! IT'S  
ALWAYS THE OTHER FELLOW  
THAT GETS KILLED, THEY  
THINK!

CRIME

WHAT A MESS!  
IF THEY HAD ONLY  
SURRENDERED PEACE-  
FULLY—OH, WELL, I  
SUPPOSE TOUHY AND  
BANGHART WON'T  
EITHER!



# CRIME DOES NOT PAY



HERE WE GO, AGAIN!  
IT WILL BE INTERESTING  
TO SEE WHAT CLEVER  
TOUHY DOES ABOUT  
THIS!

WE HAVE  
ALL THE  
APARTMENTS  
CLEARED-IF THEY  
WANT TO FIGHT,  
WE'RE READY!



GET THAT  
SPOT-LIGHT  
DIRECTED ON  
THE WINDOW!

LOUD  
SPEAKERS  
READY,  
CHIEF!



ATTENTION,  
TOUHY AND  
BANHART-



GREAT HEAVENS,  
TOUHY! IT'S NOT  
A FIRE! TH..THEY'RE  
AFTER US!



WE HAVE  
YOU COVERED  
FROM EVERY  
ANGLE! COME OUT  
BACKWARDS WITH  
YOUR HANDS UP  
AND YOU WON'T  
BE HARMED! THERE  
IS NO ESCAPE!

Y..YES!  
W..WE'LL  
COME!



NOT ONE  
MOVE, OR  
WE'LL SHOOT  
INSTANTLY!

W..WE  
WON'T MOVE,  
G-MEN!

ALL RIGHT,  
WALK DOWN  
SLOWLY!



THERE YOU ARE, ROGER  
TOUHY-BACK WHERE YOU  
BELONG-PERHAPS THIS  
MIGHT TEACH SOME FOOLISH  
YOUNGSTER THAT **CRIME  
DOES NOT PAY!** HEH!  
HEH! IT MIGHT EVEN  
PUT ME OUT OF  
A JOB!

*The End*



CRIME DOES NOT PAY



# WANTED

MAN

To run elevator in Paris Hotel.  
Apply with samples of work. 9 A.M.

## HUSBAND — who won't object to being murdered.

WANT TO SELL YOUR CAR?  
USED CARS—For Sale—Wanted

WEARING APPAREL

PAWNBROKERS' SALES

ROOM AND BOARD

THE FEMALE OF OUR STORY  
DIDN'T PLACE AN AD LIKE  
THIS, BUT AFTER WE READ  
ON, WE MAY WONDER WITH-  
OUT MUCH AMAZEMENT  
AS TO WHY SHE  
DIDN'T!

A  
TRUE  
CRIME  
STORY

THE STORY STARTS  
AT THE FASHIONABLE  
ART SALON OF MADAME  
PAUL JACQUES,  
KNOWN TO HER PUBLIC  
AS HERA MIRTEL...  
PARIS, 1914





# CRIME DOES NOT PAY



AH--ZEEES PAINTING-- EET EES SUPERB--POWERFOOL-- MAGNIFIQUE--SUCH STRENGTH, SUCH GRANDEUR--ER--WHAT DOES EET MEAN??

LOUIS, I MUST GIVE YOU A LESSON IN ART APPRECIATION.



HERA, MON AMOUR--YOU ARE MORE CHARMING THAN EVER!

PIERRE--NOT NOW-- NOT HERE. WHAT WILL MY HUSBAND SAY?



What will her husband, M. JACQUES, say?

FALSE, PHONY FRIENDS OF HERS!! IDIOTS!! THEY COME HERE TO STEAL HER FROM ME AND HAVE A FREE MEAL. THEY CAN HAVE BOTH!!



BONNE NUIT! HERA, SWEET FRIEND.

GOOD NIGHT, HERA. IT WAS WONDERFUL. OH, WILL YOU AUTOGRAPH YOUR NEW BOOK FOR ME?



AFTER THE PARTY--

PAUL IS STILL WORKING IN HIS STUDY. HE IS ALWAYS FURIOUS WITH ME AFTER THESE AFFAIRS. BUT NOT THIS TIME!!



Morning.....

MADAME JACQUES!!-- COME QUICKLY-- M. JACQUES-- HE IS-- HE IS--OH, COME!!



MY HUSBAND IS--DEAD!



# CRIME DOES NOT PAY

THE POLICE DECIDE...

ALL THE EVIDENCE  
POINTS TO SUICIDE  
THE CASE IS  
CLOSED.



AT THE FUNERAL  
PARLOR...

EIGHT LETTERS--  
YES--EIGHT  
LETTERS--



...THEY SHALL BE BURIED  
WITH MY DEAD HUSBAND.



ALTHOUGH THE CASE WAS  
DISMISSED AS SUICIDE...

MY DEAR--  
I DON'T LIKE  
TO SPREAD  
GOSSIP--BUT  
IF THAT WAS  
SUICIDE--

I KNOW--I'VE  
BEEN THINKING  
THE SAME THING.  
THEY DIDN'T LIKE  
EACH OTHER VERY  
MUCH..



...AND A COUNTRY PRIEST  
READS A LETTER...

JACQUES SENT ME  
THIS LETTER YEARS  
AGO. NOW IT MAY  
MEAN SOMETHING.



2.  
She is thoroughly  
capable of killing me... Yes,  
in fact, she once tried to  
poison me!! I would seek a  
divorce if it weren't for the  
children? what would become  
of them? If I should die accidentally,  
investigate it!! My wife will  
be concerned without a  
doubt!!  
Ever truly  
P. Jacques  
2 1906

THE PRIEST GOES TO JACQUES  
RELATIVES WITH THE LETTER.

THIS IS FANTASTIC. I DON'T  
KNOW WHAT TO SAY ABOUT  
IT-- BUT ONE THING IS  
CERTAIN--



--THIS WOULD ONLY  
CAUSE NEEDLESS  
PUBLICITY THAT WOULD  
INVOLVE US. PAUL IS  
DEAD. IT CAN DO HIM  
NO GOOD.



AND THEN, SOMETHING HAPPENED  
THAT MADE PEOPLE FORGET ABOUT  
THE MYSTERIOUS CASE...





# CRIME DOES NOT PAY

TO ESCAPE THE NUISANCE OF WAR, MME. JACQUES AND HER DAUGHTER SAIL TO MEXICO.



There, SHE FALLS IN LOVE WITH GEORGES BESSARABO, TEN YEARS YOUNGER THAN SHE.

AH, HERA, MY LIFE IS JUST BEGINNING NOW THAT I'VE MET YOU.

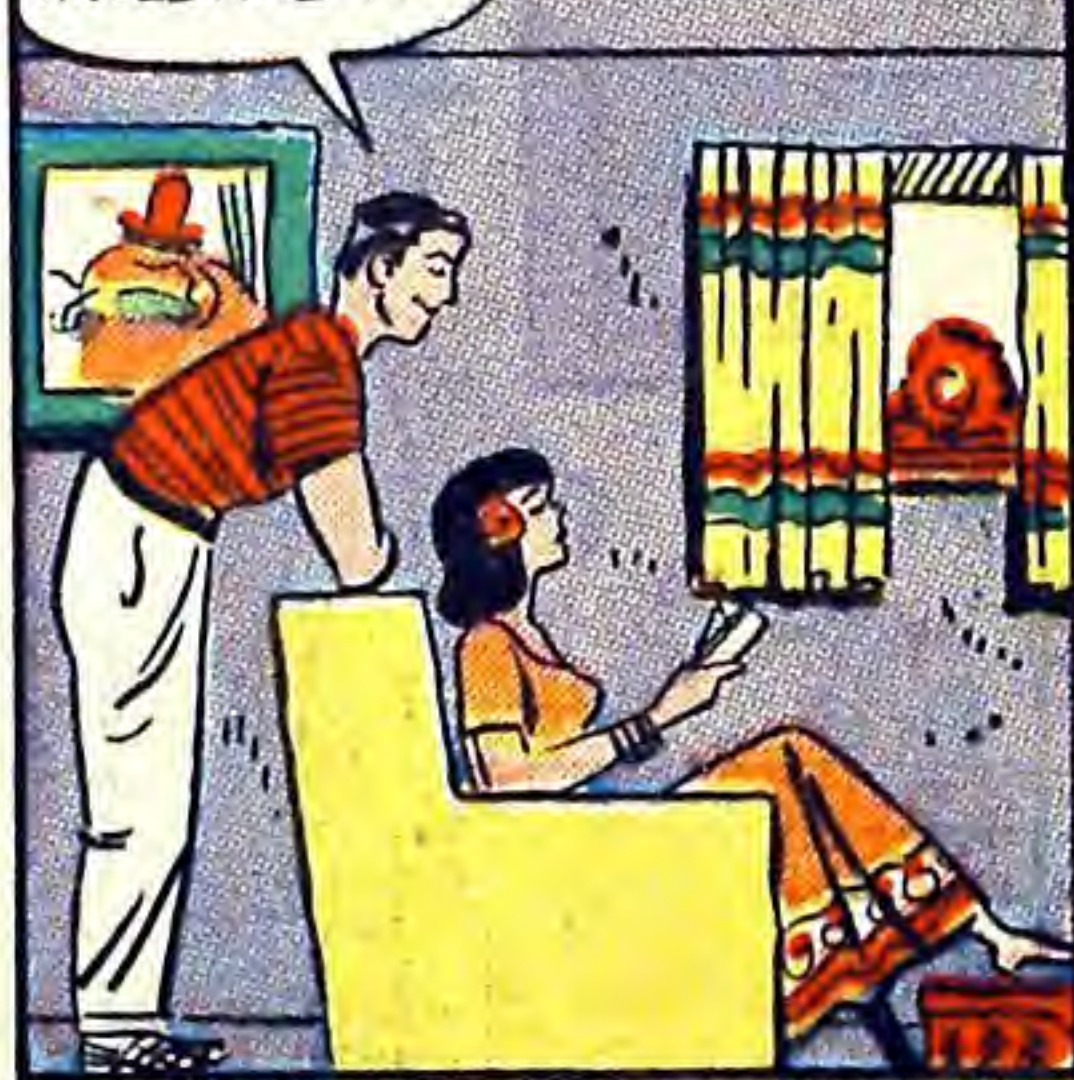
GEORGES, YOU SAY SUCH NICE THINGS.



They SOON ARE MARRIED...

HERA, OUR LUCK HAS TURNED. I MADE A NEW INVESTMENT

WHAT IS IT, DARLING?

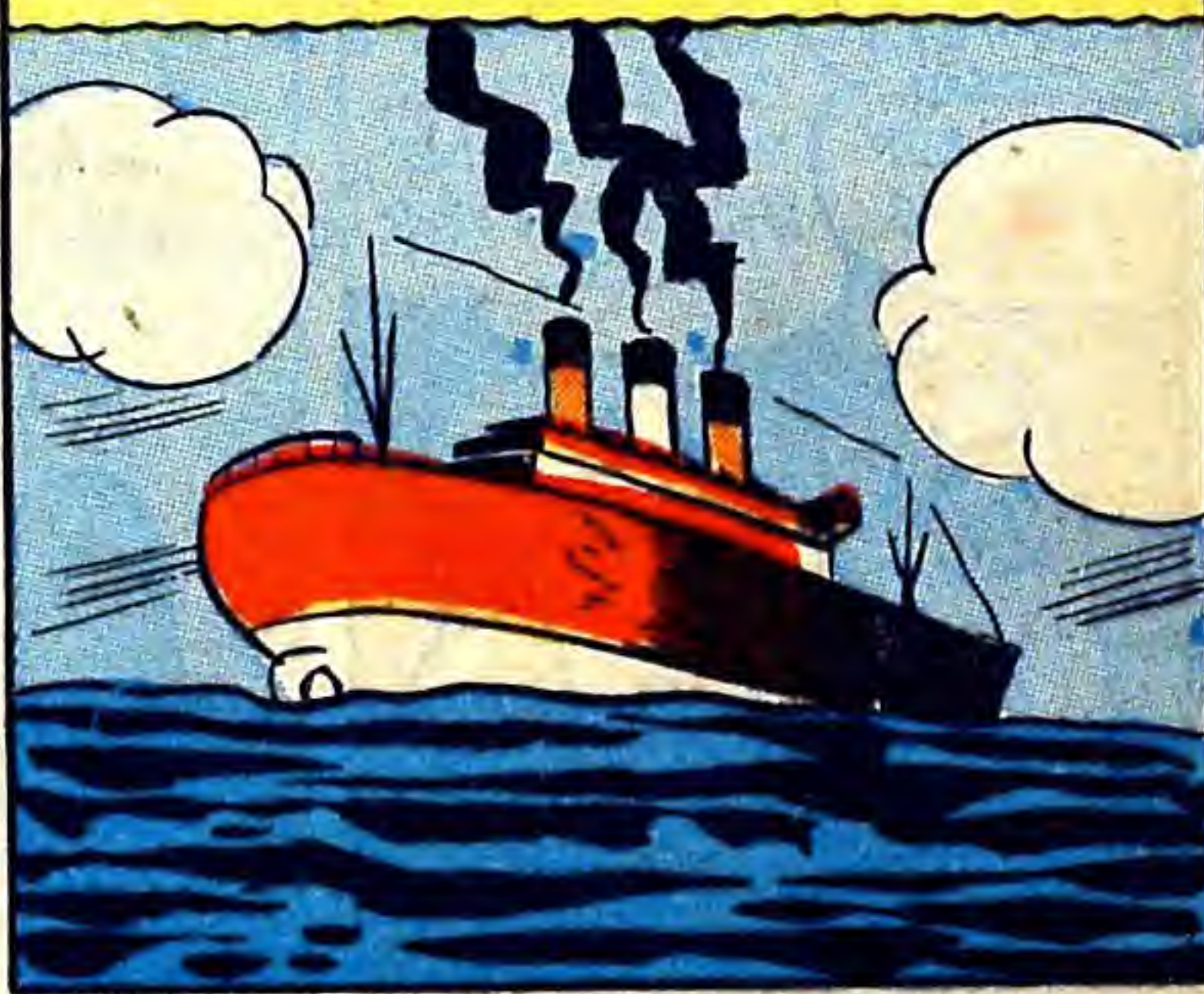


TWO OTHER MEN AND I ARE PARTNERS ON A GOLD MINE. WE WILL BE RICH.

YOU TOLD ME ABOUT THAT MINE, DEAR, AND I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA. THERE IS A CURSE UPON IT THAT SAYS 'THREE MEN WILL DIE VIOLENT DEATHS BEFORE GOLD IS DISCOVERED.'



Nevertheless, GEORGES BOUGHT THE MINE. IN 1916, GEORGES, HERA, AND THE DAUGHTER PAULETTE RETURN TO PARIS.



Once AGAIN, HERA OPENS HER SALON TO HER ADMIRING FRIENDS ...

JUST LIKE THE OLD DAYS, HERA.

MY! WHAT A HANDSOME YOUNG BOY YOU MARRIED!

YOUR NEW BOOK IS TERRIFIQUE



...But THIS TIME, THE TABLES ARE TURNED.

ANY FRIEND OF HERA'S IS A FRIEND OF MINE, FLEURETTE.

AND ANY HUSBAND OF HERA'S IS A FRIEND OF MINE, GEORGES.

SO!





# CRIME DOES NOT PAY

I SIMPLY WON'T STAND FOR HIS FLIRTING WITH OTHER WOMEN. JUST BECAUSE I'M OLDER THAN HE IS-- I WON'T STAND FOR IT!!!



SOON AFTER, INTO THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR OF THE PARIS POLICE, COMES A VERY DISTRESSED MAN....

NOW CONTROL YOURSELF. AND TELL ME YOUR STORY.

WELL, I AM BESSARABO'S CHAUFFEUR. I WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET HIM THIS MORNING AND HE NEVER SHOWED UP. THIS IS VERY IRREGULAR.



LAST NIGHT, MME. BESSARABO HAD ME SEND OFF A VERY HEAVY TRUNK. I DIDN'T LIKE THE WEIGHT OF IT, NOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THE CONTENTS BUMPED AROUND!



I BELIEVE BESSARABO IS DEAD INSIDE THAT TRUNK!



I BROUGHT THE TRUNK TO THIS PIER.

WELL, IT COULD HAVE GONE ANYWHERE ON ANY SHIP. LET'S LOOK UP MADAME BESSARABO.



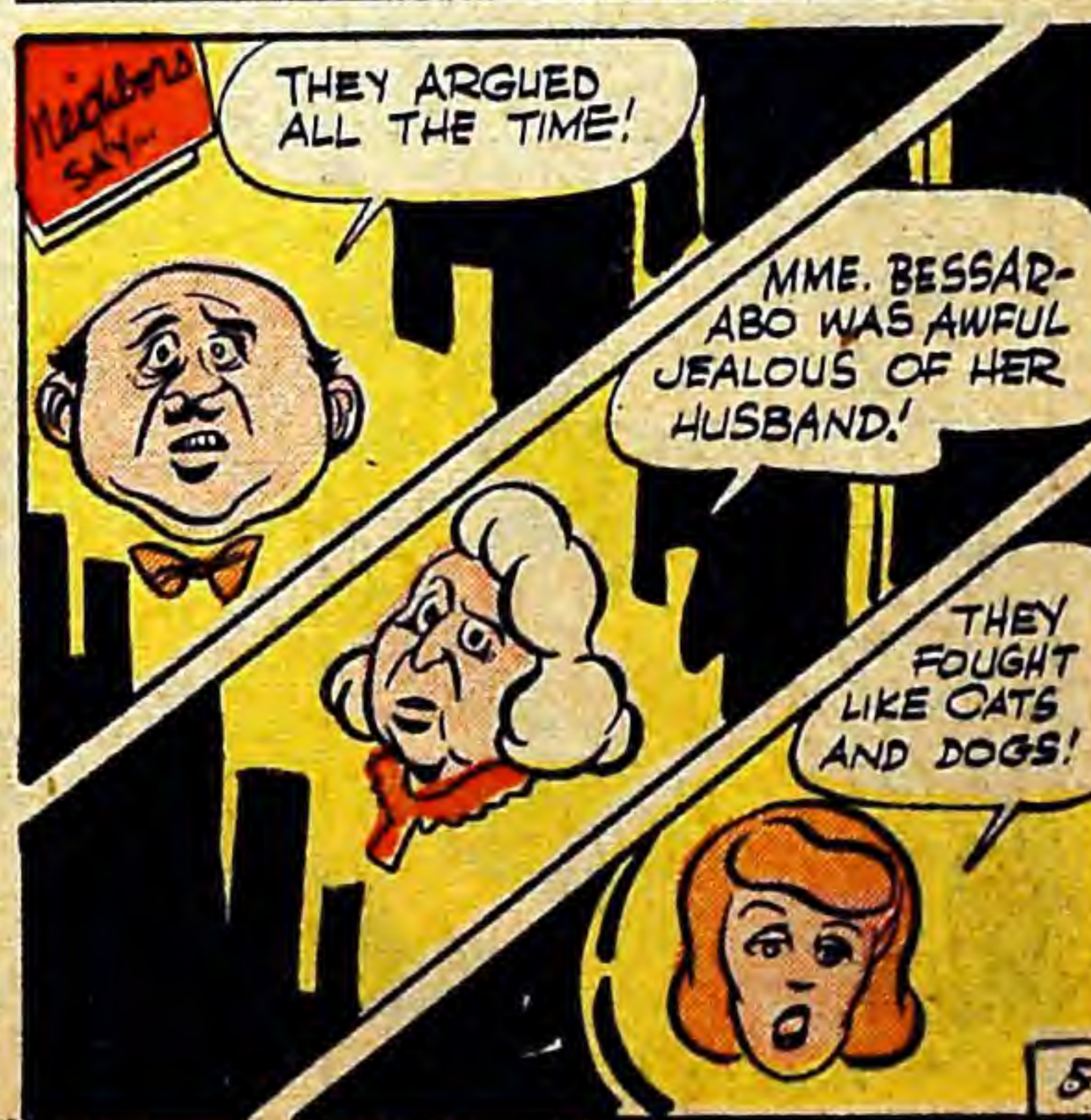
HERE BESSARABO AND HER DAUGHTER PAULETTE ARE AT THEIR COUNTRY HOME.

YES, MY HUSBAND ASKED ME TO SEND OFF THAT TRUNK. I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WAS IN IT--HE NEVER TOLD ME MUCH OF HIS BUSINESS.

I'M SORRY, BUT YOU AND YOUR DAUGHTER WILL HAVE TO COME BACK TO PARIS FOR QUESTIONING.



THEY ARGUED ALL THE TIME!



MME. BESSARABO WAS AWFUL JEALOUS OF HER HUSBAND!

THEY FOUGHT LIKE CATS AND DOGS!



# CRIME DOES NOT PAY



While HERA BESSARABO IS ON TRIAL, FOUR INCIDENTS OCCUR THAT SHAPE HER DESTINY...



A Body is DISCOVERED HANGING IN THE WOODS NEAR HER COUNTRY HOME.

IT IS BROUGHT TO THE POLICE MORGUE....



OH HO!! THEN IT MAY BE THAT MME BESSARABO KILLED THIS MAN WE WILL INVESTIGATE



Whether HERA KILLED THIS MAN OR NOT, WE DON'T KNOW.... THE WEIRD PART OF IT IS, THE CURSE OF THE GOLD MINE IS RAISING ITS HEAD! NOW, TWO MEN WHO WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE MINE HAVE DIED. TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION, IT IS SAID, AND TO CLIMAX THIS SUPER-NATURAL INCIDENT, LET US LOOK AT THE THIRD PARTNER--





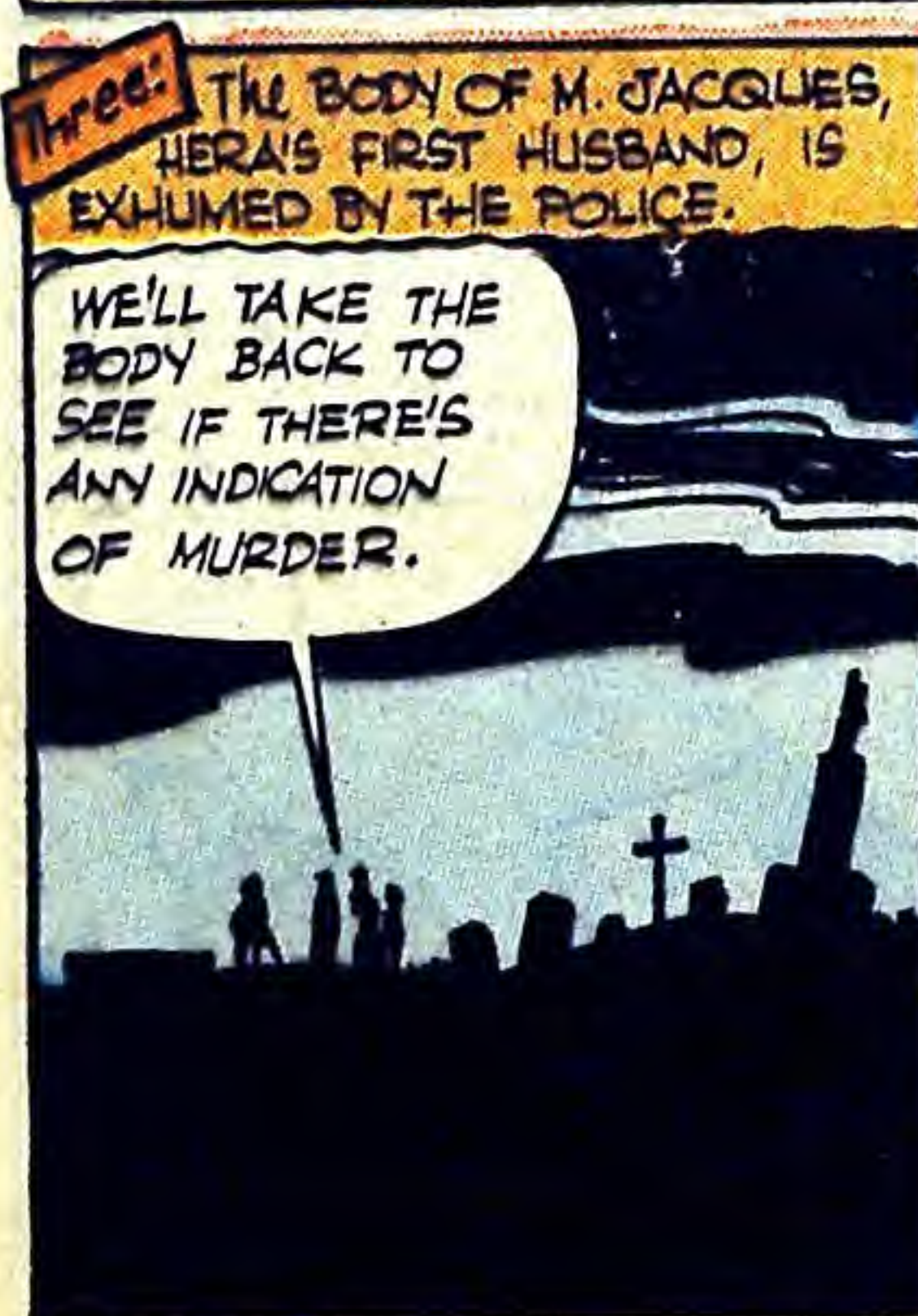
# CRIME DOES NOT PAY



THE -- THE PLANK FELL ON HIM -- HE SHOULDN'T HAVE WALKED HERE!

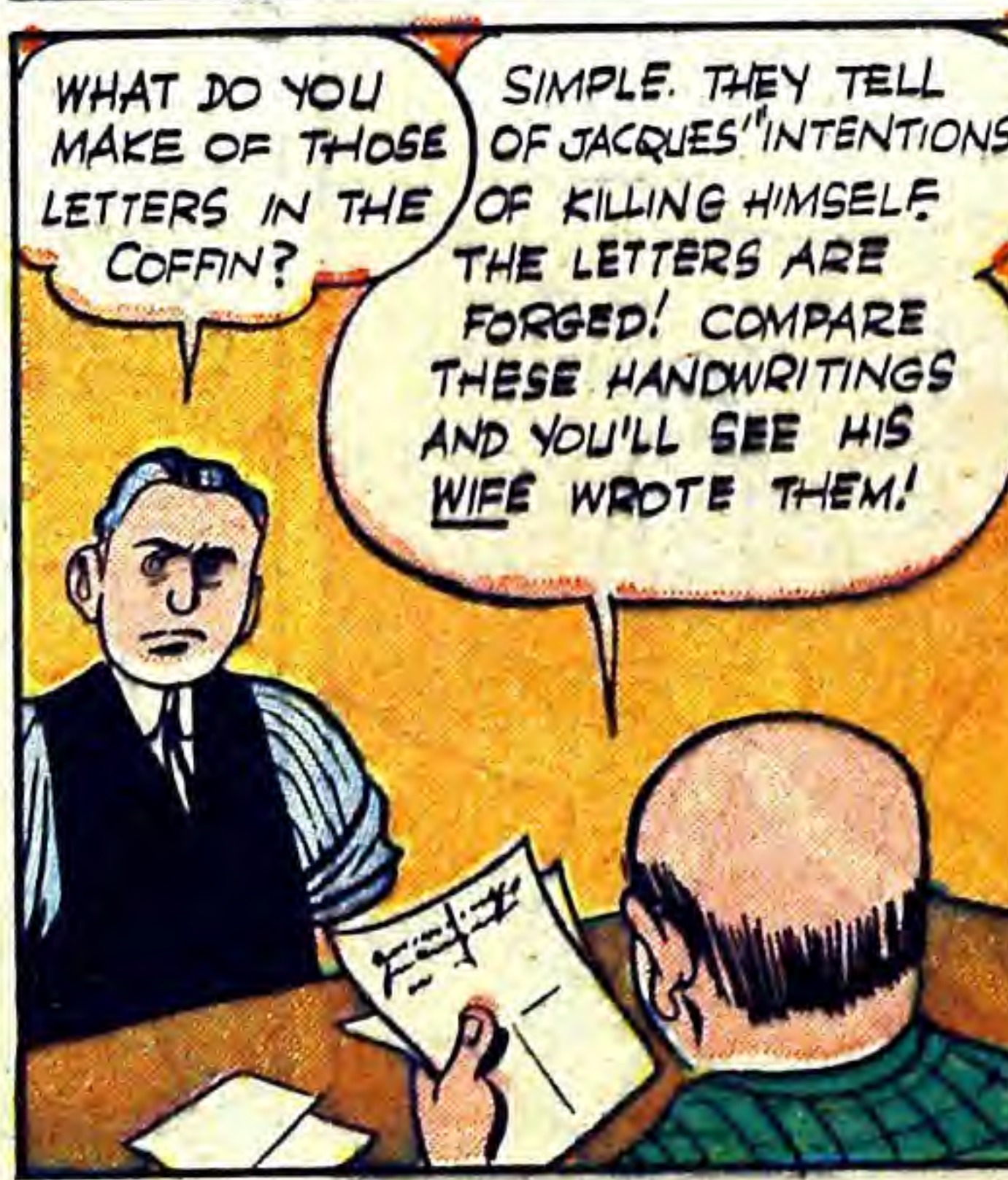
THE MAN IS DEAD!

Yes... THAT IS TRUE!! WITHIN A SHORT SPAN, THE HORRIBLE CURSE OF THE MINE IS FULFILLED -- "THREE MEN WILL DIE VIOLENT DEATHS..."



Three: THE BODY OF M. JACQUES, HERA'S FIRST HUSBAND, IS EXHUMED BY THE POLICE.

WE'LL TAKE THE BODY BACK TO SEE IF THERE'S ANY INDICATION OF MURDER.



WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THOSE LETTERS IN THE COFFIN?

SIMPLE. THEY TELL OF JACQUES' INTENTIONS OF KILLING HIMSELF. THE LETTERS ARE FORGED! COMPARE THESE HANDWRITINGS AND YOU'LL SEE HIS WIFE WROTE THEM!

SHE HAD AN IDEA THERE WOULD BE AN EXHUMATION, SO SHE FORGED THE LETTERS TO ADD TO THE SUICIDE APPEARANCE!



Four: THE COUNTRY PRIEST TAKES OUT A LETTER...

NOW IS THE TIME THIS NOTE THAT JACQUES WROTE TO ME MUST BE PRESENTED.



AT THE TRIAL...

"WITH ALL THIS CONDEMNING EVIDENCE STARING YOU IN THE FACE... THE 'SUICIDE' OF YOUR FIRST HUSBAND... THE LETTER HE SENT TO THE PRIEST WARNING OF YOUR MALICIOUS NATURE... THE FORGED NOTES IN THE COFFIN... AND THE BODY OF YOUR SECOND HUSBAND IN THE TRUNK THAT LEFT YOUR APARTMENT... YOU PLEAD INNOCENT!! HAH HAH!



# CRIME DOES NOT PAY



"BUT THE GREAT, DEEP EYES OF HER MOTHER STARE AT HER--



PAULETTE LOWERS HER HEAD AND SITS DOWN.



THE PENALTY PROVED TO BE A LIFE SENTENCE--FOR IN ABOUT 1933, THIS COLD MURDERESS DIED IN PRISON---



HOW MANY TIMES DID SHE REPEAT TO HERSELF, IN THE SMALL, GLOOMY CELL BEHIND BARS OF STEEL AND WALLS OF ROCK-- "CRIME DOES NOT PAY!" ? - 8



# MAD MURDERS IN MINNESOTA

A true crime story by Dick Wood

ROBERT MCLEOD CREPT CAUTIOUSLY from the rear door of the run-down farm house and headed toward the barn. Around one corner of the structure he stopped and glared up at the lighted windows in the house. It wouldn't be long now. Just a few minutes and he'd have the sweet revenge he had been seeking for months. One hand dipped into his coat pocket and brought out a package of tobacco. Without taking his other hand from his coat pocket he filled a cigarette with it, rolled it into a compact smoke, and placed it in his mouth. Twenty minutes later his features were knitted together in an impatient frown and, with a curse mounting on his lips, he scuffled off over the dried hay strewn about the yard.

He made a circuit of the barn and when he returned the lights in the house were out. Silently he slipped through the rear door and fumbled in the darkened hallway until his fingers wrapped themselves about a heavy hammer resting on the clothes shelf. He smiled in the dark, and after carefully removing his shoes, headed patiently up the staircase. On the landing he patted a bulge in his back pocket. This was his first murder but he was by no means an amateur at technique. No indeed. Surely the Robert McLeod who had tricked justice for years could accomplish the simple liquidation of three people. It was just a matter of careful thought, timing and patience that made some killers clever and others fools. Through one of the moon-lit windows he could see his prey—a young couple peacefully sleeping. The hammer hand came up and he advanced silently in his stocking feet. Now he was over the couple, leering down at them. His mind's eye could visualize just how the hammer would split their skulls open. It would be a sweet revenge to leave them mutilated in death, though the hammer had been part of his plans for entirely other reasons.

The woman received the first blow, and her head rolled sideways, drenching the pillow with blood. At the same moment the man, awakened by the disturbance, sat up dazed with sleep and mumbled incoherently in the darkness. Again the hammer flashed in the moonlight and he was silent. Quickly McLeod moved through the door and ran softly down the hallway to a second bedroom. His hand whipped a revolver from his rear pocket and he held it before him as he entered the second bedroom. Before him a big, gaunt man was deep in sleep. Without a word McLeod placed the revolver against the man's temple and blew his brains out. A smile played on the killer's face. His work was done, but no professional would think of leaving the scene of his crime without performing the *coup de grace*. Back into the first bedroom again, he fired his gun twice more, sending bullets through the temples of the young couple. There would be no hospitalized victim to give HIM away.

Next morning Sheriff John Wall sat in deep thought in the living room of the Osseo, Minnesota, farmhouse. His mind was playing tricks with itself. To begin with, the murders were apparently committed by a jealous fiend who sought only to accomplish a deed of revenge. This seemed proved by the fact that nothing was stolen of importance. Two prize cows and a broken down Ford truck had been taken from the garage, but surely a man doesn't murder for such a small amount of loot. It didn't make sense. Besides, there were objects in the farmhouse that would have made a murder for profit much more inviting.

The sheriff paced the living room floor. There was something odd about this crime and he intended to get to the bottom of things. Again he let his mind run over the details of the crime. The couple had been beaten horribly with a blunt instrument, while the hired



man had been shot through the head. Why? Could it mean that the killer wished to wreak some sort of vengeance on the couple of which the hired man was innocent. If so, why murder the hired man at all? Gradually the pieces began to fit together in the sheriff's mind. Suddenly he sat bolt upright. Of course! The killer had evidently clubbed the couple first so that the hired man would not hear the shot from his revolver. Once the two had been silenced, he had killed the hired man and then ruthlessly returned to make sure of the couple's death.

Without further ado, the sheriff called in volunteers from the nearby farmhouses. Once a sizable group had been brought together, he put them to work searching the farmland for the murder weapons. It wasn't long before one of the men returned with a blood-stained hammer. The day of the murders had been hot—perfect weather for the recording of finger-prints on the hammer. Sheriff Wall rushed the hammer into Minneapolis for examination and cornered Lowell Reinking, son of the nearest neighbor.

"Tell me, Lowell," inquired the sheriff, "can you give me any information on the former farm hand that worked for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Oswald?"

"Sure," the boy replied. "He was a pretty funny guy named Robert McLeod. Used to be able to roll home-made cigarettes with one hand. Didn't seem to get along too well with people, but nothing that you could really get sore about." "I see," returned Sheriff Wall. "You've been a great help, thank you!"

The boy had indeed been a big help to Sheriff Wall. About the barn had been found numerous cigarette butts. Apparently the killer had waited outside for the lights to go out before entering to commit his crime. It was clear that a person of this type had apparently stolen the cows for profit rather than revenge. A general call was put out to all stock yards to be on the lookout for a person attempting to sell two animals answering to milk certification numbers stamped on the ears of those stolen. Hardly had the calls been made when a stock company telephoned back. Yes, the animals had just been bought by them. A check for the amount of one hundred and forty-three dollars had already been issued to a man answering the description of the suspected killer. It had been drawn on the Drovers National Bank.

An hour later Sheriff Wall waited with two

other officers at the entrance to the bank. Investigation had shown that the check hadn't been cashed as yet. They could expect their quarry any moment. Hardly ten minutes later, Robert McLeod drove up to the bank. The officers let him enter without difficulty. When he came out they had his car surrounded. Somehow McLeod must have gotten suspicious, for he fairly rushed from the bank and slammed into his car. Before the killer could turn the ignition on Sheriff Wall was on top of him. "You're through, McLeod," he shouted. "Why you murdered three people for two cows is beyond me but you'll die for it!"

For hours McLeod was questioned at headquarters, without the authorities gaining any satisfaction. His only reply to all questions was that he had been gravely mistreated. Kenneth Oswald, his wife, and the hired man had mistreated him—therefore, he killed them. What other explanation was there to offer?

"But why," insisted the authorities, "should you kill three people who had done you no great harm for such insignificant loot?" McLeod's only reply was a stubborn shake of his head. His head was still shaking a negative and his tongue was silent when he was installed in Stillwater State Prison. Greatly interested in such an odd crime, the warden took a personal interest. A careful check was made into McLeod's past. A past that offered the most tantalizing puzzle any crime investigator had ever seen. McLeod had started out at an early age on the wrong road. At fifteen he had begun cashing rubber five-dollar checks. This advanced to horse stealing. From here on the most amazing record of deviltry followed him in and out of prison five times. Each sentence McLeod received, he overcame by the simple process of being nice—so nice that prison officials were sure a mistake had been made and each time released him. Confused by the astonishing material on McLeod's life, the warden called him into his office.

"Please tell me," he said. "Honestly, why did you murder those three people? You had never done anything more serious than check forging before!"

"Well," McLeod replied. "They were always picking on me. I swiped the cows, and then I got rid of them so that they couldn't prefer charges against me."

Surely only a mad criminal mind could have planned those mad murders of Minnesota!

**THE END**



# CRIME DOES NOT PAY

BOIL KETTLE  
BOIL... BUBBLE  
OFF EVIL FOR  
GOOD JOHN  
BLYMIE!

IN YORK, PENNSYLVANIA IN 1929, UNBELIEVABLE  
AS IT MAY SOUND, THERE WERE A GROUP OF FARM  
PEOPLE WHO NOT ONLY BELIEVED IN WITCHCRAFT  
BUT WERE FANATICAL OVER IT. THEY WERE POSITIVE  
THAT A FARM OWNER IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAD  
PLACED A HEX ON THEM. HE WAS THEN KILLED!



## THE HEX HORROR

The Mystifying Story of Witchcraft and MURDER!

Drawn by JACK ALDERMAN  
Written by DICK WOOD

CIGAR-  
MAKER  
JOHN BLY-  
MIE HAS  
VISITORS.

THERE HE IS. CRAZY  
AS A COOT OWL... NOW  
WE'LL HAVE SOME FUN.  
HERE'S WHAT YOU DO...

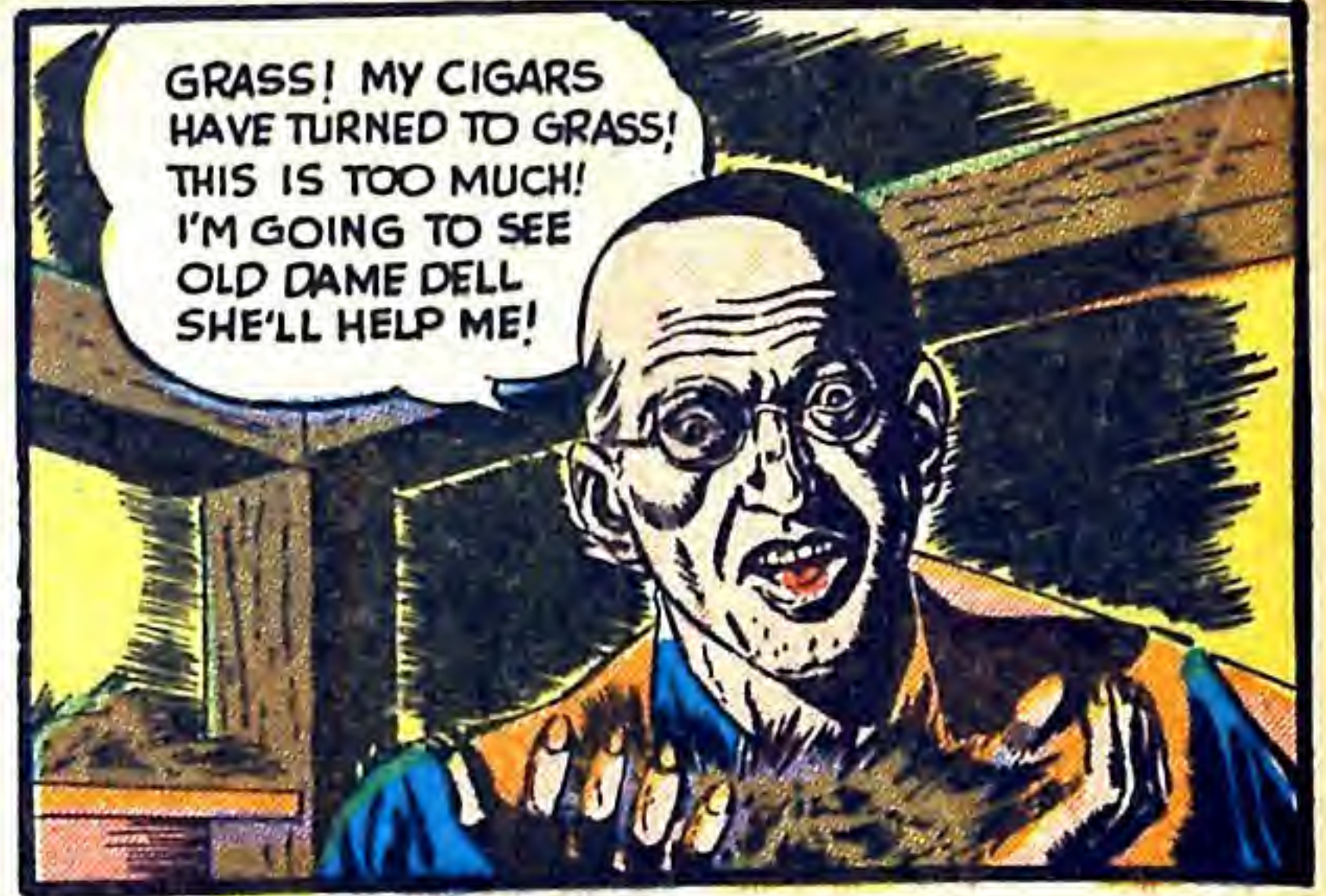
GOOD MORNING  
MR. BLYMIE. I JUST  
THOUGHT I'D DROP  
IN TO SAY HELLO.  
HOW ARE YOU?

TERRIBLE! NOW  
MOVE ALONG BEFORE  
I BOIL YER BEASTLY  
BOTTOMS IN OIL!





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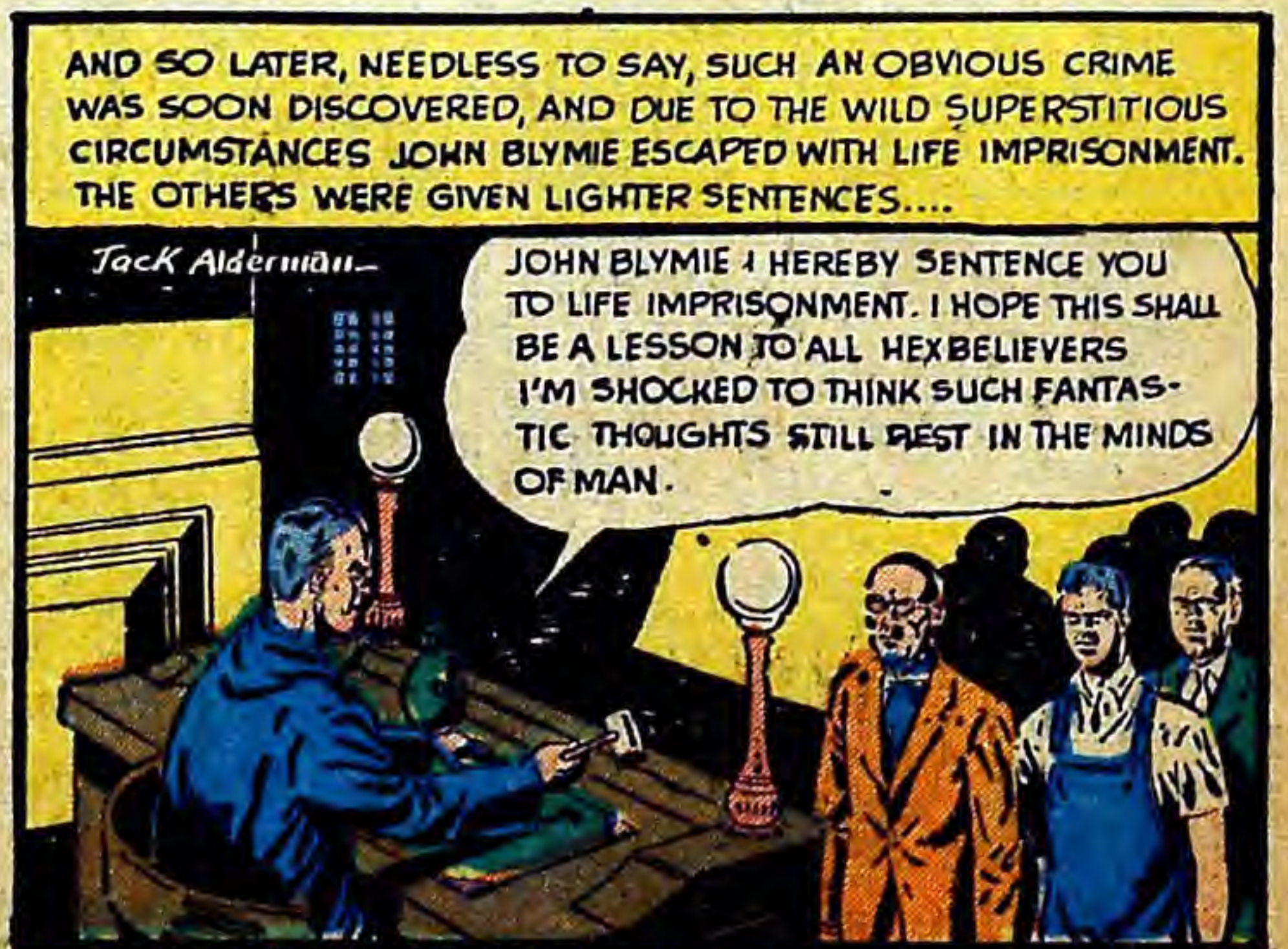


BUT AS NELSON REHMEYER SLEEPS THE HEX MANIACS PLAN ..





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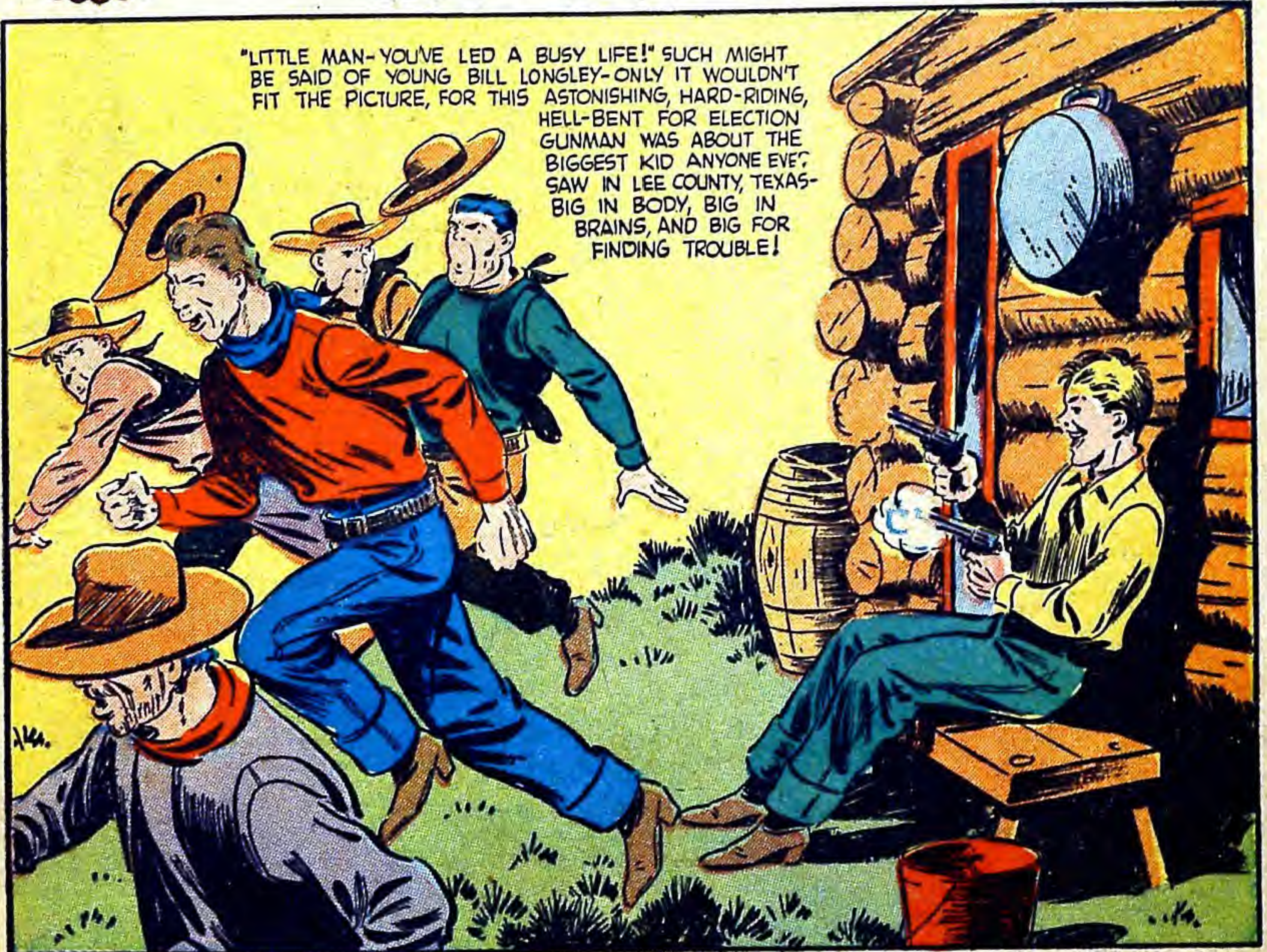


*this is*  
**A TRUE**  
STORY

# DODGING DEATH

*with*  
**BIG BILL LONGLEY**

ADAPTED  
FOR CRIME  
by Dick Word



"LITTLE MAN-YOU'VE LED A BUSY LIFE!" SUCH MIGHT BE SAID OF YOUNG BILL LONGLEY-ONLY IT WOULDN'T FIT THE PICTURE, FOR THIS ASTONISHING, HARD-RIDING, HELL-BENT FOR ELECTION GUNMAN WAS ABOUT THE BIGGEST KID ANYONE EVER SAW IN LEE COUNTY, TEXAS-BIG IN BODY, BIG IN BRAINS, AND BIG FOR FINDING TROUBLE!

BILL'S FATHER WAS SORT OF A POLITICIAN IN OLD EVERGREEN. ONE DAY WHEN BILL WAS ABOUT FIFTEEN YEARS OLD...

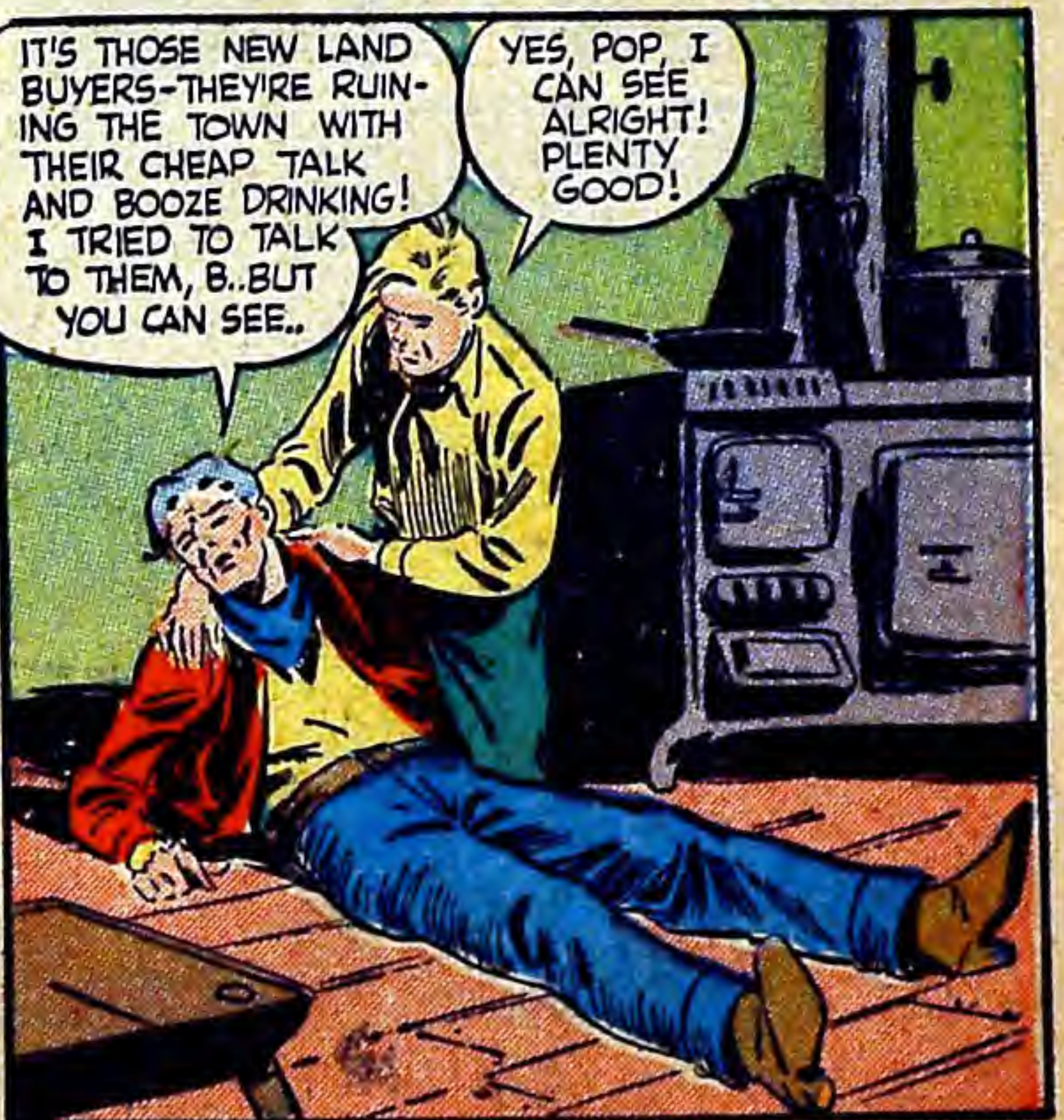


DAD! WHAT IN THUNDER'S HAPPENED?

H..HELLO, BILLY..I..I

IT'S THOSE NEW LAND BUYERS-THEY'RE RUINING THE TOWN WITH THEIR CHEAP TALK AND BOOZE DRINKING! I TRIED TO TALK TO THEM, B..BUT YOU CAN SEE..

YES, POP, I CAN SEE ALRIGHT! PLENTY GOOD!





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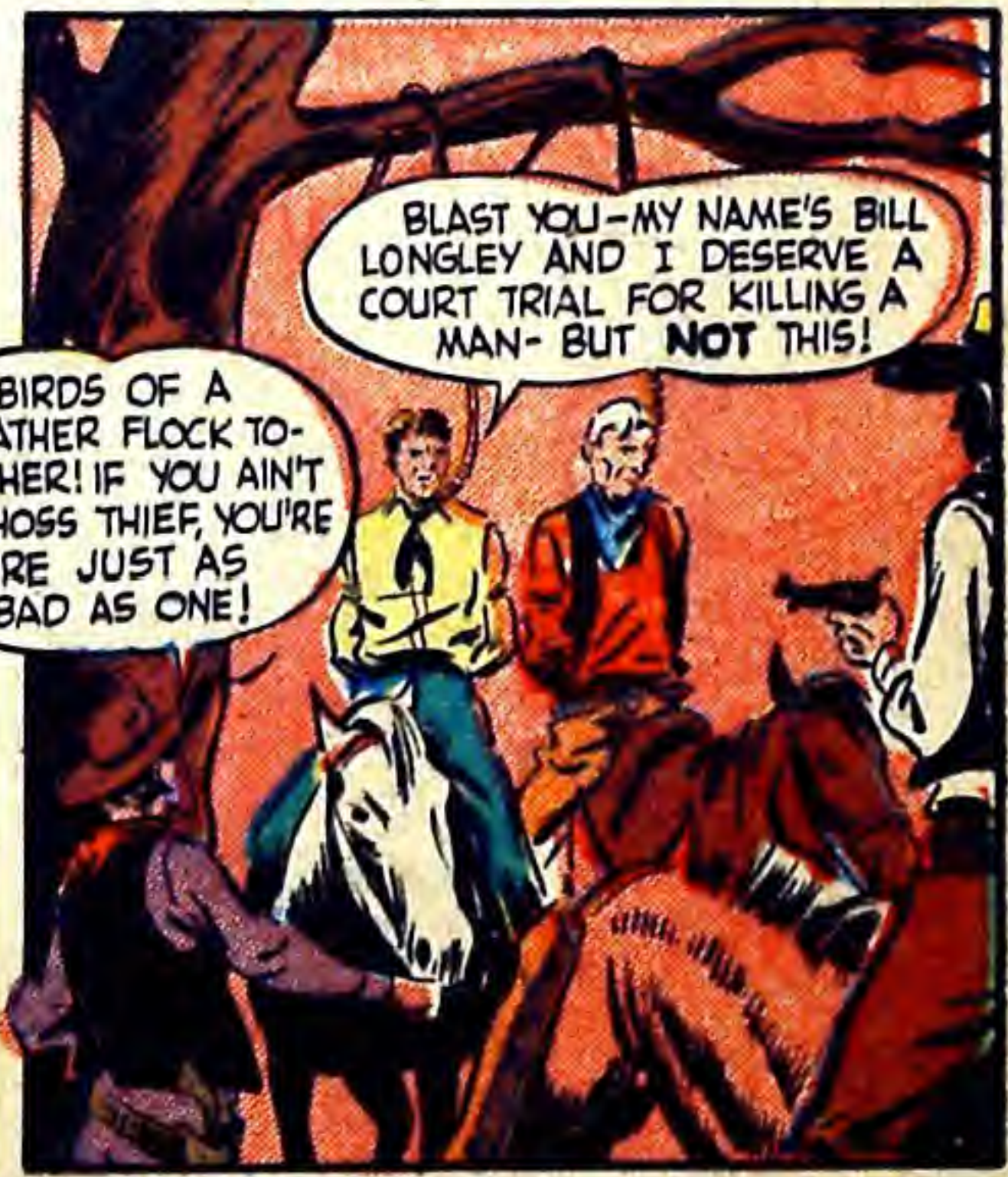




# CRIME DOES NOT PAY

AND SO BEGAN BILL LONGLEY'S OUTLAW LIFE! STILL A YOUNGSTER AT HEART, HE FLED INTO THE HILLS TO MEET...

IN THOSE DAYS HORSE THIEVES DIDN'T LAST LONG IN LEE COUNTY AND CARL KEEF WAS NO EXCEPTION!





# CRIME DOES NOT PAY



VAGABOND OF THE HILLS, BIG BILL WANDERED THE WEST OVER UNTIL ONE DAY THE STRANGE URGE TO WORK POSSESSED HIM...



WHEW! G..GOSH! WHAT A BREAK! THIS IS ONE PLACE I'M CLEARIN' OUT OF IN A HURRY!

SO YA WANT A JOB- A BIG, HULKIN' SON-OF-A-GUN LIKE YOU WOULD GET INTO EVERYBODY'S WAY! NOW BEAT IT OFFA HERE! YER PROBABLY A HORSE THIEF, ANYHOW!

LISTEN, CHUM- I'M JUST ASKIN' FER A JOB! I DON'T HAFTA TAKE TALK LIKE THAT!



AN' I AIN'T INTENDIN' TO!

WHY YA YOUNG XXOO!!\*\* PUNK! LEM! PETE--

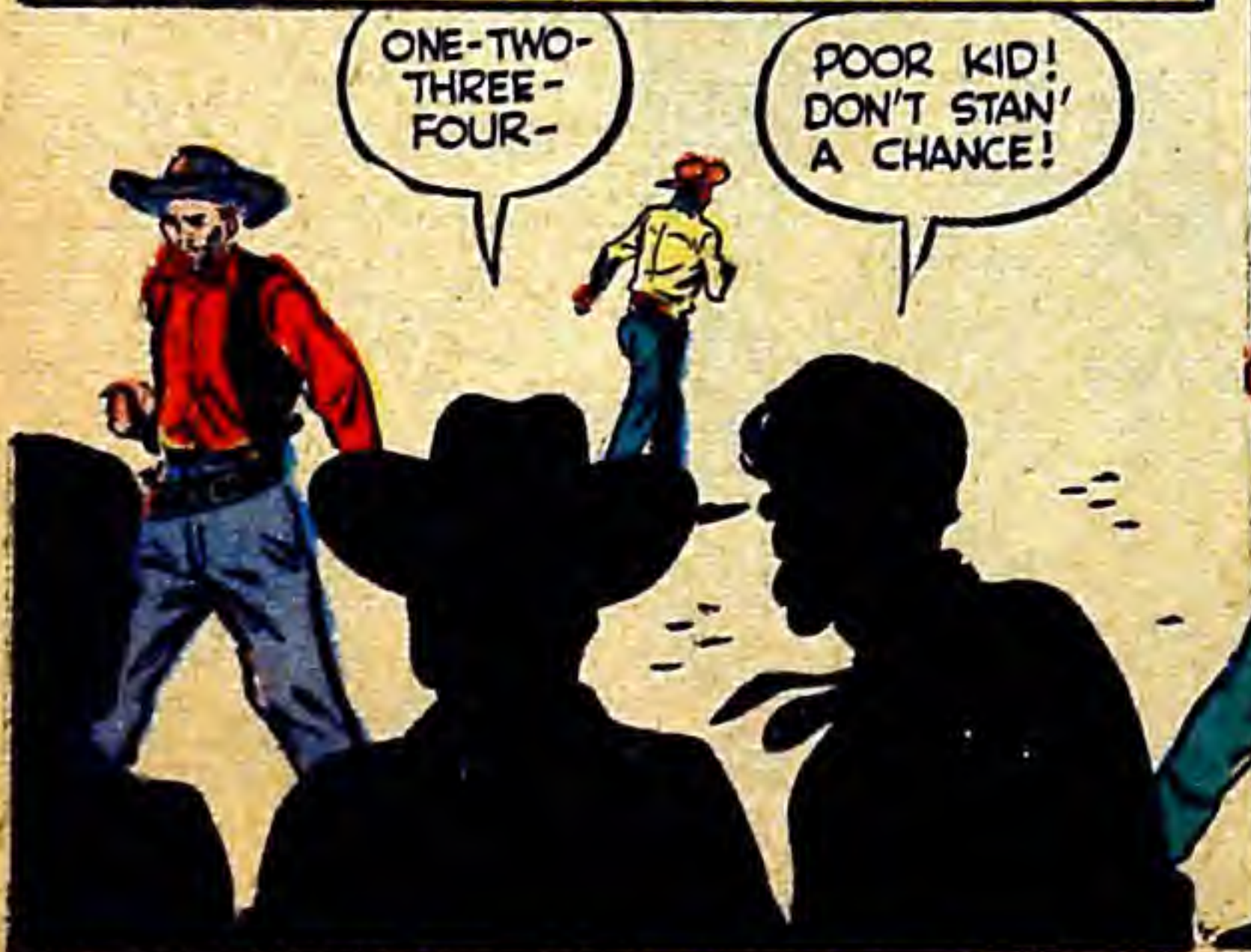


DON'T LET THIS OVERGROWN BRAT RUN OFF! HE AND ME IS GONNA SHOOT IT OUT... KID OR NO KID!

PARDNER, YER MOVIN' RIGHT UP MY CANYON... LET'S GO!

OLD GUN HANDS STOOD IN SILENCE AS THEY WATCHED BIG BILL HEAD FOR WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS CERTAIN DOOM AGAINST THE TRIGGER-MASTER BOSS...

THE KID WHO "DIDN'T STAN' A CHANCE" SENT SIX BULLETS HOME BEFORE BOSS REED COULD LEVEL HIS GUN...



ONE-TWO-THREE-FOUR-

POOR KID! DON'T STAN' A CHANCE!



HULLY..GEE!

GALLOPIN' BEDBUGS!

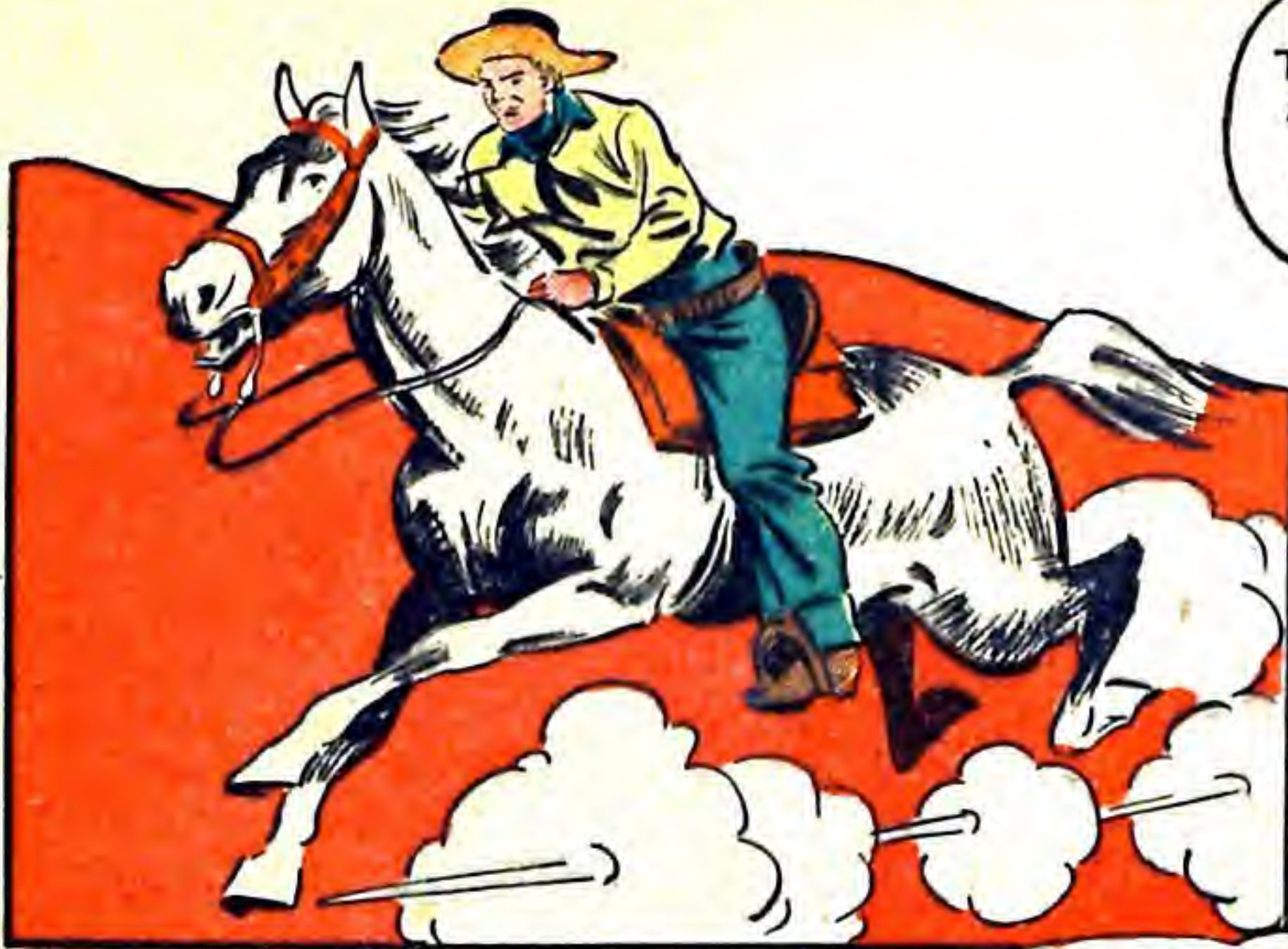
UGH!



# CRIME DOES NOT PAY

ONCE AGAIN BILLY STARTED RUNNING WITH OLD MAN TROUBLE AT HIS HEELS...

MONTHS LATER, AFTER DOZENS OF ESCAPADES AND A STAY WITH THE SNAKE INDIANS, BIG BILL DRIFTED INTO KANSAS... AN ALMOST FATAL MISTAKE...



LOOKIT! OVER THERE! SURE 'N A BUNDLE OF HELL CATS THAT'S BILL LONGLEY!

YUP! THASS HIM, AN' HE'S WANTED FER MURDER BUT I AIN'T GONNA TANGLE WITH THAT GUY!



WELL, IT TAKES MORE THAN AN OVERGROWN KID TO FRIGHTEEN NED STUART!



YOU RECKON WRONG! A FAST DRAW WON'T GET YOU OUTA THIS 'CAUSE MINE'S READY TO FIRE!

MIND IF I HAVE A DRINK WITH YA, STRANGER?



NOT A BIT! PLANK TH' BODY! I COULD STAND SOME COMPANY!

THANKS A LOT, BILL LONGLEY!

WELL, FER..YORE A PRETTY SMART FELLER, BUT I RECKON YORE STILL SOCIABLE!



LOOKS LIKE THERE'S NOTHIN' AH CAN DO!



EXCEPT SHOW AN OL' DOG SOME NEW TRICK!





# CRIME DOES NOT PAY



I'M LEAVIN' FOLKS! JUST SIT NICE AN' QUIET, AN' YOU WON'T CATCH LEAD!

ONCE MORE IN TROUBLE, BILL GALLOPED INTO THE HILLS, BUT THIS TIME FATE WAS HOT ON HIS HEELS FOR NED STUART'S FATHER WAS A POWERFUL MAN...

HE MURDERED MY SON-THE DOG! AND I'M GOING TO SEE HIM HANG! POST A \$5,000 REWARD, SHERIFF-I'LL PAY IT!

O.K. MR. STUART- THAT OUGHTA BRING HIM IN!



LATER IN THE HILLS...

YA SURE IS GETTIN' POPULAR AROUND THESE PARTS! 5,000 BUCKS IS A LOTA DOUGH!

IF I DIDN'T LIKE YOU SO MUCH, I'D TURN YA IN, MYSELF!

BOYS, THAT'S TOO MUCH CASH TO LEAVE HANG-IN' AROUND! I GOT AN IDEA!



JINKERS! CATS! THEY GOT BILL LONGLEY!

THAT'S RIGHT, SHERIFF-AN YA GOT TH' \$5,000, I EXPECT!



HA! HA! THE GREAT LONGLEY ISN'T SO TOUGH! GET INSIDE! HERE'S YOUR MONEY! GOOD WORK!

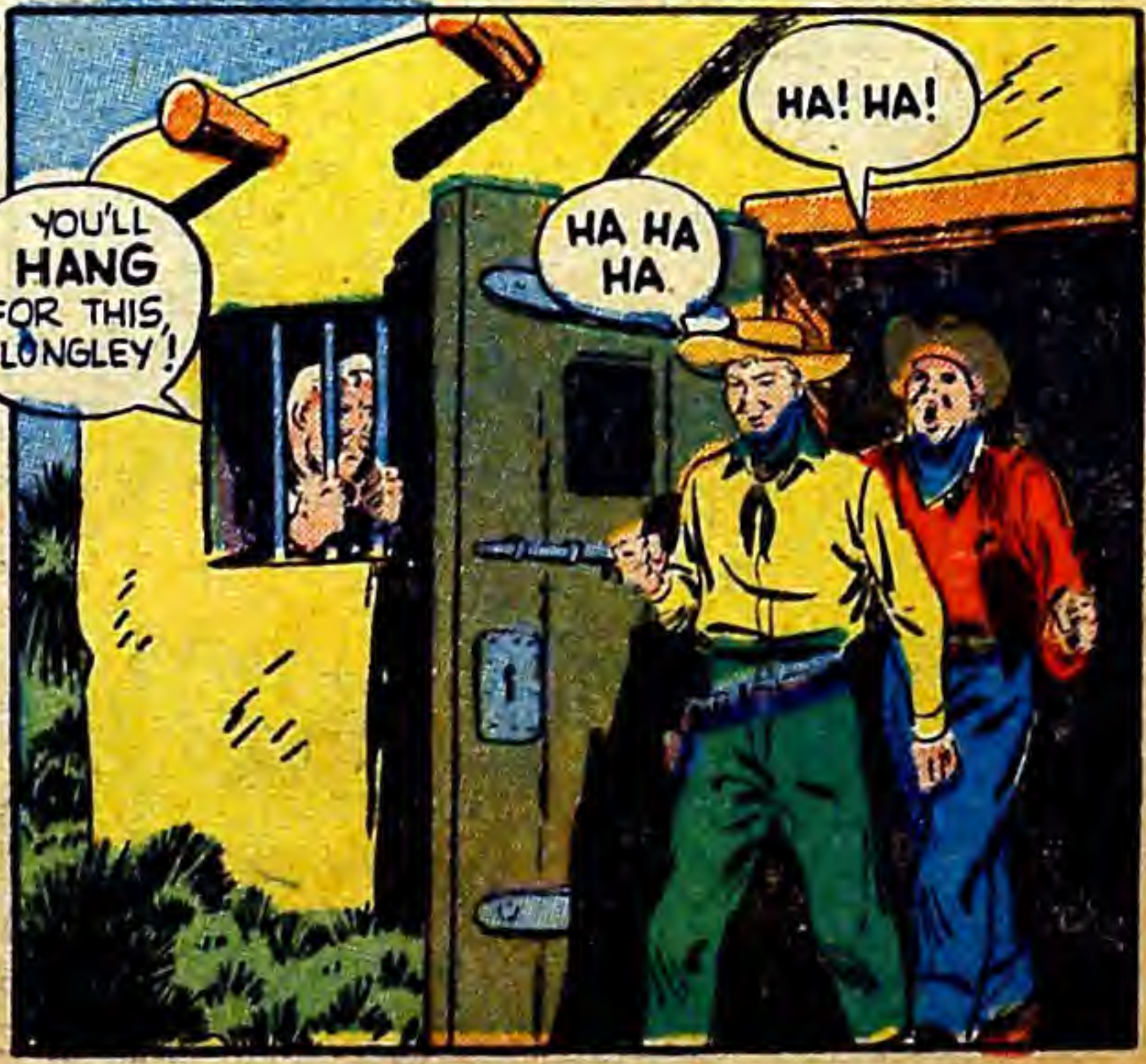
THANK YOU, SHERIFF-THANK YOU, INDEED!



NOW IF YOU'LL JUST CHANGE PLACES WITH MY FRIEND...

WHAT'S THIS? WHA...

CALM DOWN, SHERIFF! WHEN WE SPEND TH' \$5,000, WE MIGHT COME BACK, AN' LET YOU JAIL ME AGAIN!



YOU'LL HANG FOR THIS LONGLEY!

HA! HA!

HA HA HA



# CRIME DOES NOT PAY

WITH MONEY IN HIS POCKET, AND A LIGHT HEART, BIG BILL HEADED FOR HOME, TEXAS..



SO ONCE AGAIN BILL RODE OFF INTO THE SETTING SUN! MONTH'S PASSED, THEN ONE DAY WHILE HE WAS WORKING ON A FARM...



Thus ENDED THE CAREER OF BILL LONGLEY...





CRIME DOES NOT PAY

# WHODUNNIT?

CAN YOU SOLVE

## the CATNIP CLUB MURDER?



"DIPPY" WARREN,  
A PRIVATE ON FURLOUGH

HE LOVED DENISE -  
HAD GOOD REASON  
FOR WANTING  
OUT OF THE  
WAY!



DENISE BIRO, CLUB'S  
ENTERTAINER

SHE LOVED "DIPPY," BUT  
ALSO HER NIGHT CLUB  
CAREER. MADE  
UNWELCOMED "PASSES"  
AT HER!



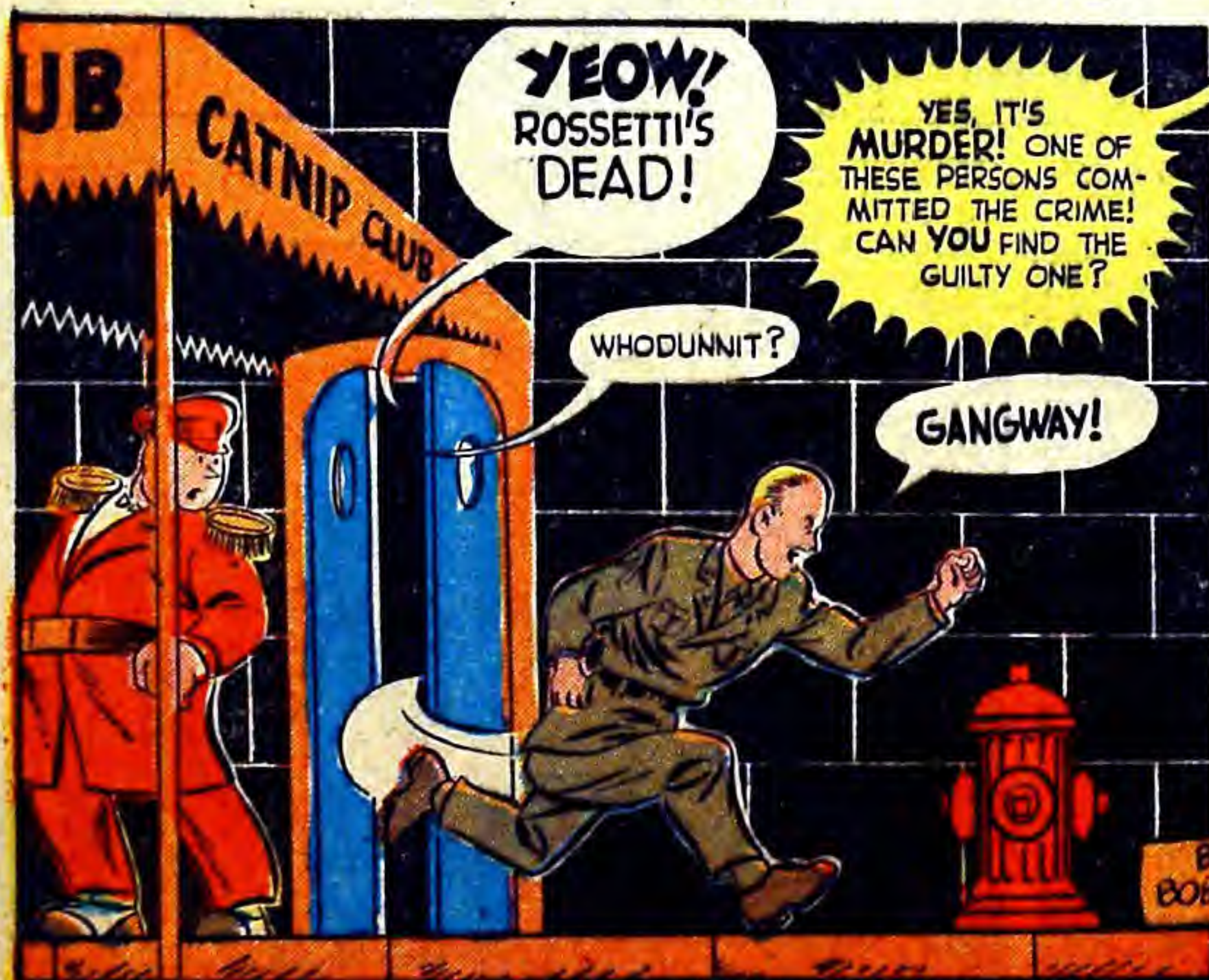
GUY CHANDLER,  
OWNER

DISLIKED ROSSETTI,  
BUT WAS FORCED  
TO DO BUSINESS  
WITH HIM -



ROSCO TURNER,  
HEAD WAITER

HAD WORKED  
FOR ROSSETTI  
BEFORE AND  
HATED THE GUY!



SCOOP WILLIAMS,  
REPORTER -  
ONCE WAS THREAT-  
ENED BY ROSSETTI  
FOR EXPOSING HIS  
UNDERWORLD  
ACTIVITIES!



PAT FLANAGAN,  
BARTENDER,  
AUTOMATICALLY HATED  
ROSSETTI THROUGH  
HEARSAY AND DIDN'T  
WANT TO WORK FOR  
HIM!



NOW -  
TURN THE PAGE  
AND FIND OUT HOW  
GOOD A DETECTIVE  
YOU ARE... SEE  
IF YOU CAN  
DISCOVER!  
**WHODUNNIT?**



# CRIME DOES NOT PAY

CAMP DIX, NEW JERSEY...



**YIPPEE!** I GOT IT! A TWO WEEK'S FURLOUGH! BOY, WILL I BE GLAD TO SEE DENISE!



GOOD OLD NEW YORK CITY! IT'S SURE GOOD T' BE HERE! WAHOO!



HIYA, DENISE, OL' GIRL! I'M ON A FURLOUGH, HONEY - HOW ABOUT ME COM-IN' RIGHT OVER?

**WHY..D-I-P-P-Y!** WHAT A SWEET SURPRISE - BUT I'M JUST GOING TO WORK AT THE CATNIP NIGHT CLUB-COME OVER AND SEE THE SHOW! I'LL SEE YOU THERE AT NINE TONIGHT!



NIGHT CLUB! FUNNY THAT DENISE SHOULD BE WORKING THERE! WHAT TH' HECK COULD SHE DO IN ONE OF THOSE PLACES?



BOY, THIS IS SOME JOINT! WONDER WHERE DENISE IS?

CIGARS! CIGARETTES!



THE FLOORSHOW STARTS...

THAT'S HOW I SUBSCRIBED TO COMIC HOUSE MAGAZINES



HELLO, YOU GORGEOUS CREATURE! COME OVER AND HAVE A DRINK WITH ME AFTER YOU STOP KICKING THOSE GAMS, HUH, BABY?

TSK, TSK, THOSE POOR GIRLS HAVE TO STAND A LOT IN THESE PLACES!

LEAVE ME ALONE!



**JUMPIN' JUPITER!** TH..THAT'S DENISE! -W..WITH A TON OF MAKE-UP ON!

GEE-I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HER WITH HER HAIR DOWN!



SAY, YOU CAN'T MAKE CRACKS LIKE THAT AT MY GIRL! CUT IT OUT!

WELL, WELL! A GREAT, BIG, TOUGH SOLDIER BOY - SAY, DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?



# CRIME DOES NOT PAY





# CRIME DOES NOT PAY

MEANWHILE INSIDE...

OH, MISTER CHANDLER..H..HE SEEMS TO BE OUT A LITTLE COLDER THAN WE THOUGHT!



CAN YOU GET UP,... YEOW! MURDER!



GREAT LORD- THE SOLDIER MURDERED HIM!

GET HIM, QUICK!

HE'S BEEN KNIFED!

YESSIR! COME, PIERRE!

OUI!



BOY, AM I GLAD TO GET OUTA THAT PLACE! GUESS I'LL GO DOWN TO THE STAGE DOOR CANTEEN!



HE WENT THAT WAY!

THANK!

OUI!



HEY, BUDDY, WHICH WAY IS TIMES SQUARE?

ARE YOU KIDDING? YOU'RE THERE!

THAT'S HIM!



GOT HIM!

WH..WHAT TH'!



HEY, WHAT'S THE IDEA?

C'MON, YOU, YOU MURDERER!

MAYBE A NAZI SPY DRESSED IN A U.S. UNIFORM!

OH, A MURDERER, EH?





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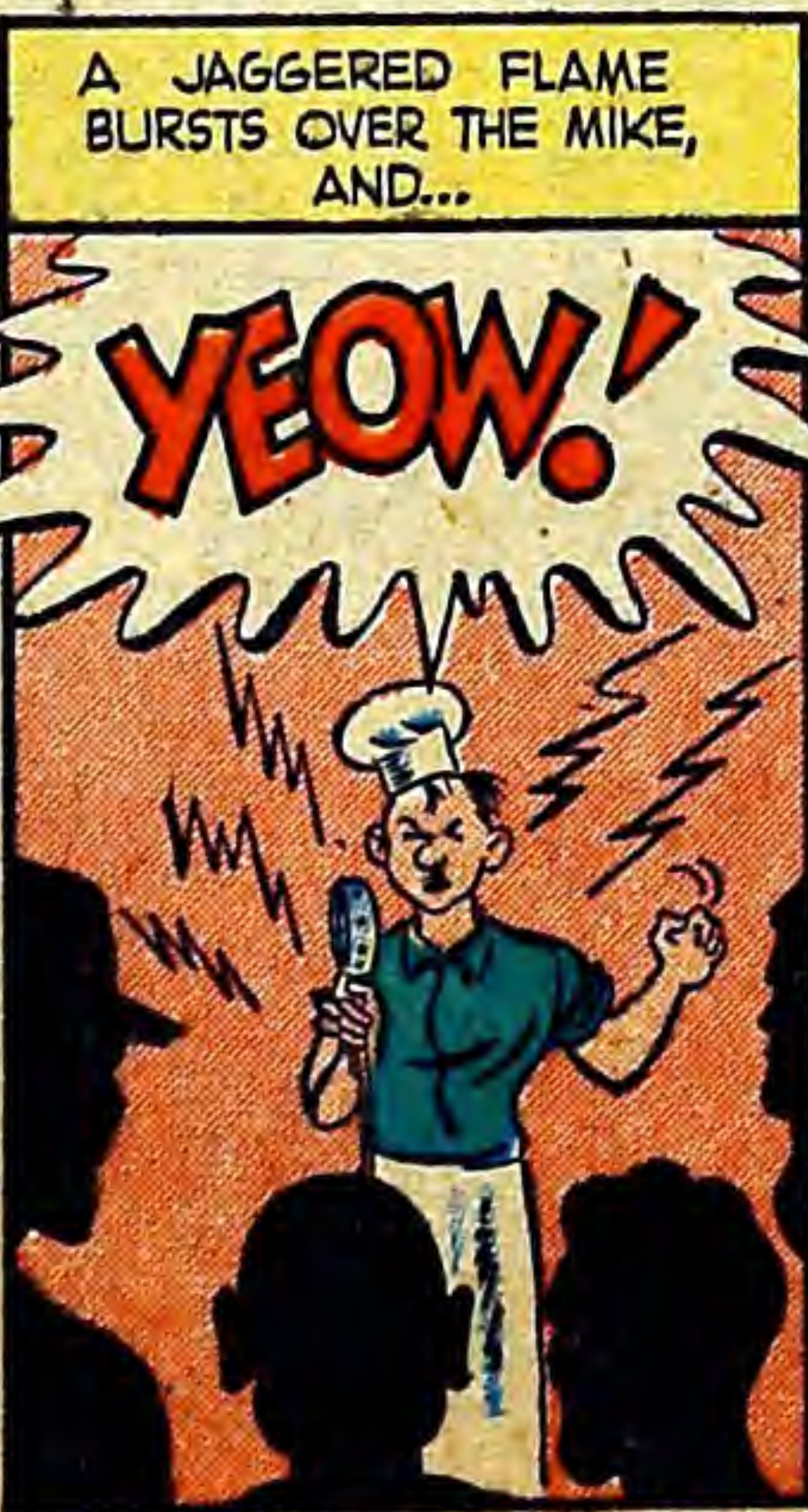
BACK AT THE CLUB...



"SCOOP" WILLIAMS OF THE DAILY STAR BARGES IN...



SUDDENLY A SMALL FIGURE-COOKIE, THE CHEF, RUSHES FORWARD...





# CRIME DOES NOT PAY

SEVERAL MINUTES LATER...

WHEW! WHAT A DAY!  
GIMME A SHOT, PAT-  
PERSONALLY I'M  
GLAD ROSSETTI GOT  
IT- HE WAS A RAT!

YEAH! ONCE HE  
BOUGHT THIS NIGHT  
CLUB, HE WOULD  
HAVE CUT OUR  
SALARIES IN  
HALF!

AND NOT  
ONLY THAT - HE  
WOULD HAVE HIS  
MOB TURN THIS  
PLACE INTO A  
MAD HOUSE!



HA! JUST AS I  
THOUGHT! THIS WIRE  
GOES INTO THE  
WALL-RIGHT NEXT  
TO YOU, MISS  
BIRO!

B..BUT I..I  
WASN'T  
STANDING HERE-  
I JUST CAME  
OVER NOW,  
HONEST!



HMM..A CURRENT DOWNSTAIRS!  
MUST HAVE FED THE JUICE  
THAT KNOCKED COOKIE OFF!  
A SET-UP LIKE THIS COULD  
HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR  
ROSSETTI-AND THE CHEF JUST  
STUCK HIS NECK OUT! EVERY-  
BODY, LINE UP!



JUMPIN'  
CATFISH!  
WHY DIDN'T I  
THINK OF THAT  
BEFORE!



WHAT TH...  
STOP THAT  
GUY! DON'T  
LET HIM OUT  
OF HERE!

RIGHT,  
CHIEF!



LEMME GO,  
YA DOPES! FER  
PETE'S SAKE! YA  
DON'T UNDER-  
STAND!

HOLD  
HIM  
THERE!



SORRY,  
NO TIME FOR  
EXPLANATIONS  
EITHER - SEE  
YOU LATER,  
BOYS!



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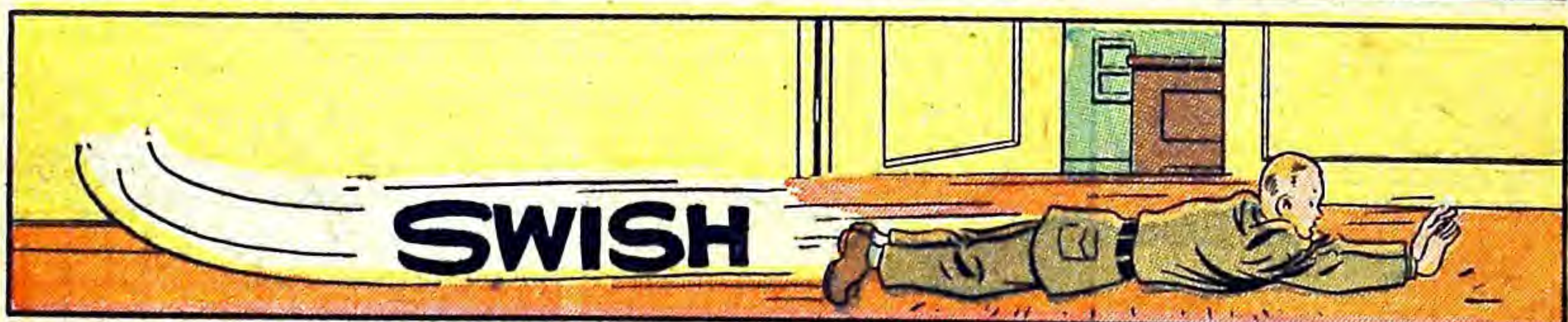
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SORRY, FOLKS!  
WHERE'S THE  
DAILY STAR  
OFFICE, PLEASE!





# CRIME DOES NOT PAY





# CRIME DOES NOT PAY



**YES!** THE INSPECTOR HAS FOUND THE SOLUTION! HE DIDN'T COMMIT THE MURDERS- NEITHER DID YOU- BUT INSPECTOR BRADLEY DOES KNOW WHO DID-- DO YOU?

FIRST STOP AND REVIEW THIS STORY IN YOUR MIND, THEN TURN THE PAGE AND SEE HOW GOOD A DETECTIVE YOU ARE!



**CRIME DOES NOT PAY**

*the* **MURDERER** IS  
**GUY CHANDLER**  
THE CATNIP CLUB'S PRESENT OWNER



NOW LET'S SEE **HOW** INSPECTOR BRADLEY  
FIGURED THIS OUT!

**1.. WHY DID HE DO IT? WHAT WAS HIS MOTIVE?**

ROSSETTI HAD ALREADY GIVEN HIM \$30,000 DOWN PAYMENT ON CLUB - THIS AMOUNT RELIEVED CHANDLER OF HIS FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AND HE FIGURED HE COULD NOW GO ON WITH HIS NIGHT SPOT AS USUAL. HE HAD TO GET THE COOK OUT OF THE WAY AS HE WAS ABOUT TO EXPOSE HIM. THE COOK HAD OVERHEARD CHANDLER TELLING THE HEAD WAITER "NOT TO WORRY, YOU'LL NEVER HAVE TO WORK FOR ROSSETTI."

**2.. HOW DID HE DO IT?**

HE KNIFED ROSSETTI DURING THE CONFUSION AS DIPPY WAS BEING THROWN OUT OF THE CLUB. HE HAD ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO KILL ROSSETTI IN THE MANNER IN WHICH THE COOK WAS KILLED. CHANDLER HAD RIGGED UP AN ELECTRICAL CURRENT TO THE MICROPHONE OVER WHICH ROSSETTI WAS GOING TO SPEAK.

**3.. HOW DID INSPECTOR BRADLEY CONVINCE HIMSELF THAT CHANDLER WAS THE MURDERER?**

WHEN BRADLEY DISCOVERED THE EXTRA WIRE RUNNING FROM THE MICROPHONE TO THE WALL PLUG (PAGE 6-PANEL 4). HE KNEW THAT WHOEVER WAS STANDING THERE WHEN THE COOK WAS KILLED, WAS THE MURDERER - THE REPORTER'S PICTURE, TAKEN AT THIS VERY MOMENT (PAGE 8-PANEL 6) PROVED BEYOND DOUBT THAT CHANDLER WAS THE GUILTY ONE - OBVIOUSLY THE SAME PERSON KILLED ROSSETTI, WHO PREVENTED THE COOK FROM REVEALING HIM.

**DID YOU DISCOVER  
WHODUNNIT?**

IF SO, CONGRATULATIONS - IN ANY EVENT, BE  
BACK WITH US IN THE NEXT ISSUE TO  
AGAIN TEST YOUR WITS IN ANOTHER  
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